

state. At the hearing, testimony was presented that Fonner Park in Grand Island provides much more service to the whole county than just horse racing in the city. It provides such things as the Hall County Fair and many other countywide activities. Now with the committee amendment, it gives all interested people a voice in saying whether Sunday horse racing should be allowed. I think it is fair. I think it is just and I think it is logical and so I, therefore, urge you to support the committee amendment and I move for its adoption.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to ask Senator Hefner several questions so that I am totally sure that I understand the committee amendments. Since Senator Schmit, Senator Fowler and myself are probably largely responsible for the legislation that you are attempting to change this year, I want to make sure that my original intent is being preserved. As I understand the amendments, Senator Hefner, the major change is that...there are two major changes. Number one, instead of the city voting, the county residents now vote as to whether or not there will or will not be Sunday racing, is that correct?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Dworak, this is correct. At the present time, if the horse racing facility is located within the city limits, why then it is up to the city or village to vote.

SENATOR DWORAK: The second change is instead of a vote every four years, it now in effect will be every two years if they wish...the people either wish to put it on the ballot by petition or the Racing Commission wishes to put it on the ballot?

SENATOR HEFNER: This is correct. We are amending that statute that says "every general election" and so that would be every two years and I think the statute says now "every four years".

SENATOR DWORAK: And in those areas where the people have in fact spoken and have in fact said we do not desire Sunday racing, the only way there will be Sunday racing is for the people themselves to rescind their previous action by ballot?

SENATOR HEFNER: You certainly are correct, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.