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sponsors of this bill with my good friend, Senator Von Minden, and in an effort not to get anything screwed up I would at this time call the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, I am sorry to disappoint you but you were the last speaker so we don't have to call the question. And you are safe, Senator Von Minden, you may now close.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: I will leave closing to Senator Hefner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner is closing, you say? All right, Senator Hefner, you are closing.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, we are coming down the home stretch now, but just let me explain this bill one more time briefly. This bill would exempt the small thoroughbred tracks in Nebraska that race three days or less from the pari-mutuel tax on the first \$5 million instead of the first \$1 million receipts. Last year, this last year, 1981, Nebraska took in \$1.4 million more in pari-mutuel tax receipts than it did the year before. With this exemption being granted to one small track this coming race season, we would still end up \$1.2 million more. There was no opposition at the hearing. The ones on the Revenue Committee that voted on this bill voted it to General File. In South Sioux City at Atokad we hold county fairs, we hold area beef and dairy shows, home shows and many other local functions. It is a good place to have these various functions. Senator Kahle asked if Atokad was going to pay the amount of money that they owe the State Tax Commissioner. Yes, they will, Senator Kahle, and if they do not race this coming season, something happens that we don't get this bill across and they do not race, then they will sell the facility that they have and pay all their debts. Therefore, I would urge you to vote green on this bill and advance it to the next stage of debate.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is the advance of LB 631. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 631 is advanced to E & R Initial. The Clerk will read some matters in.