

that did have parimutuel racing and now we are seeing that other states have discovered our windfall and are starting to move in that competitive nature. And so this approach is really designed to maintain or at least allow us to maintain our competitiveness now that the competition from other states is on us. So I would like to support the committee amendments and urge you to adopt them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have several questions and I do not know to whom to address the questions, so if one of the Senators interested in this proposal will wave a hand, we will receive an answer in that manner if it is all right. Looking at the material which is currently handed out on our desks, I needed to know before I cast a vote, hopefully an informed vote on the committee amendments...

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, I am sorry to interrupt you, and I don't ordinarily do this, but there is a group in the gallery that need to be introduced and I see that they are leaving. There are...wait, would you hold on just a minute, please. There are 35 members from western Nebraska, and all western Nebraska Senators are their hosts, 35 members of the Fun Tours from western Nebraska, it sounds like a great trip, with their tour director along with them. Among them are my friends who operate some of my cattle interests out home, Leo and Wilma Schilz. Thank you very much. I am sorry, Senator Marsh. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: I have had my first question privately answered so that it is understandable so I will reserve publicly that question. The second question I wish to ask is, currently are the race tracks paying to the state for the school fund their unclaimed ticket dollars as went to the Supreme Court at one time? In other words, are the dollars which are rightfully sent to the State of Nebraska as unclaimed dollars from the race track currently being paid into the permanent school fund?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Marsh, my recollection is that because of that Nebraska Supreme Court decision, the race track gets to keep that money. That is my recollection.

SENATOR MARSH: I believe that is incorrect, Senator, so