

regard relative to whether or not that...those provisions under the bill, the way it is read now, should not be amended out in the best interest of the Lincoln track. So not having those specific amendments ready, I would strongly urge the body to support my passing over motion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I sure would like to see it passed over too. I had offered an amendment to be printed in the Journal, and, of course, it deals with the Ak-Sar-Ben thing, the same thing with a little variation that was attempted before, that the task force that the Governor had asked for and others had agreed to, that they approved. That amendment was not able to be printed in the Journal, apparently, as I understand it, because we adjourned real quickly yesterday, even though it was up there. Is that correct? So, anyway we adjourned without getting a bunch of stuff in the Journal. It is an important enough amendment. I think people ought to be entitled to read it. That, in conjunction with the suspension of the rules, just puts us in a situation where it would be fair to pass over it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there is one reason that this bill is about to be passed over and it is the reason for which I object. Ak-Sar-Ben, the king of the races, is in the Rotunda, as it has been stabled there for the last two weeks. Essentially what is happening is that each of us are being reigned in, so to speak, to vote for an amendment that Senator DeCamp will offer to provide further tax benefits and tax breaks to the big track. This bill, as Senator Conway brought it to us and Senator Hefner brought it to us and Senator Rupp brought it to us, was essentially for the little tracks, Atokad, Columbus, that is what it was for. The Revenue Committee took this bill, we provided an exemption to the benefit of the smaller tracks. We chose specifically not to provide a new, fancy tax break for the big track that is having its best year ever, incidentally. On Select File the big track offered an amendment, through Senator DeCamp, designed to provide the favorable tax break. This body soundly repudiated it, said no. In any event the bill is now up for Final Reading. It should be read this morning,