

I'm not here to criticize Ak-Sar-Ben. I am talking about a basic Nebraska industry that is important to Nebraska, the horse breeding industry is important, the horse racing industry is important. The ultimate goal of laying this over, to prepare the proper amendments, to prepare the proper debate, is to allow more money to go back to the purses so that we keep our good horses, so that we keep the revenue. Remember, this revenue isn't guaranteed, it is there because people want to go out and participate in Nebraska's activities and the other activities outside of the racing business that are associated with the entertainment business, the motels and eating establishments and drinking. So I would suggest that we do support Senator Conway in his move to lay it over, give it adequate discussion. This is not a small piece of change. We are talking about millions of dollars of money that is generated in our economy and turned over in our economy. We should take some time to discuss it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, then Senator Nelson, then Senator Higgins, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker, I'll be brief because I don't think we want to spend the rest of the day on this issue and it could happen if we are not careful based on what we saw yesterday when we spent the whole day on two bills. But let me just say quickly that as I understand this bill already it is giving Ak-Sar-Ben a \$7 million exemption which is going to result in about \$300,000 in tax savings to Ak-Sar-Ben this year over last. Now the \$7 million exemption would grant more than that, of course, but they expect their business to go up because of Sunday racing. So Ak-Sar-Ben is already getting a \$300,000 exemption, as I understand it, from this bill. This year, for the first time, we are also giving Ak-Sar-Ben Sunday racing. Now Ak-Sar-Ben is on the border of my district and it is in Senator Goodrich's district. That is creating a lot of problems for a lot of the neighborhoods in Omaha because Sunday racing is increasing a lot of the traffic, a lot of the commotion in the neighborhoods, there is a lot of opposition to Sunday racing. But it was granted by the Racing Commission in November, I believe, of this year after a relatively lengthy hearing process. So Ak-Sar-Ben is basically getting two things this year that it hasn't gotten before. It is getting the new exemption and it is getting Sunday racing. You will recall, thanks to Senator Lundy's