

SENATOR NELSON: Sir, no one has, not one person from Ak-Sar-Ben has got me to support this, speak against or for, but many, many people in Grand Island hope and wish that I can see a little better help on the taxes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have the people at Fonner talked to you about supporting this?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, they have, and the business community, and the Chamber of Commerce.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware of whether or not the people at Fonner were talked to by Ak-Sar-Ben's people about this proposition? I'm asking if you are aware of it.

SENATOR NELSON: No, I'm not. I know that they had a Racing Commission formed. So I suppose they sat down and visited like you and I would, but I'm not aware that they were.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. They didn't visit the way Senator Nelson and I would. I wouldn't twist her arm. I don't do that to people who are not as strong as I am. These little tracks know that when Ak-Sar-Ben says, heel, they must heel. They don't have any choice about it. How is Fonner going to stand up to Ak-Sar-Ben when the Legislature will buckle? How is Atokad, or any of these other little tracks, whatever their name might be, going to stand up to Ak-Sar-Ben? We have to be realistic this morning. We are not even talking about senatorial courtesies. I already suggested we should save Senator Conway from himself. I know what the dynamics are behind what is going on here and most of the rest of us in this body know. This thing should not be done. What Senator Conway may face is the fact that some of us who would fight Ak-Sar-Ben getting this tooth and nail will have to fight his bill. He can't stand up there and say the Legislature was courteous enough to put something on this bill so now don't fight it because it's my bill and you like me. If I like Senator Conway, and there is a marauding tiger on the other side of Senator Conway that has been gobbling up women and children and I've got one shot, and I'm drawing a bead down on the tiger and Senator Conway jumps in front of him and says, I'm an animal lover, take me instead, then Senator Conway has to go when the wagon comes. That is a mixing of metaphors and you get the point. If he's willing to let his little bill carry the