

situation? Lincoln has a 3.5 percent rate now and everybody else is paying 5 percent, see, so Lincoln is the one with the favored treatment now and all the bill does is allow them to go to the same way everybody else is. However, the only one this is going to hurt, if you don't adopt the Warner amendment, the only one it is really going to hurt is the horsemen and the system. And I sat here and I yacked about how I was concerned about the system so I would be a hypocrite if I merely took this moment of pique to injure Lincoln and their horsemen. So I will withdraw the motion. In fact, I am going to even stupidly support their amendment despite the distress it gives me because it is the right thing to do and because it is strictly a deal that helps the horsemen and right now I think you are going to find you need to do that. So I am going to withdraw it despite the temptation to do otherwise.

SENATOR BARRETT: The motion to suspend the rules is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Wesely and Warner would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 2336 of the Journal.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I will be very brief and then turn the time over to Senator Warner. If you look at the fiscal note, that kind of tells the whole story on the situation. First let me begin by thanking Senator DeCamp by allowing us to consider this amendment, and Senator Withem and others who have recognized the fairness issue that we are raising right now. Senator DeCamp is right that the tax rate right now for the Fairgrounds which was changed, I don't know when exactly, a year or two ago, is different than the other race tracks. But what we are trying to do is to recognize that we are trying to reduce the tax burden of the different races to try and increase the competitive situation that they are in and we do that for all the race tracks with the exception of Lincoln and the Fairgrounds which does go up 85,000. Now under the amendment that Senator DeCamp had adopted we would have reduced I believe from 5 to 3 percent just as the other race tracks are, the amount paid in taxes, and the race track in Lincoln under that amendment would have actually saved I think like \$90,000 or maybe more than what they are