

paying this year. Senator Warner and I in discussing the amendment that we have before you said, no, we really don't want to have an additional tax break. We just want to pay the same taxes this year as we did last year. Now I know the Fairgrounds would love to have more than that, but in fairness we are trying to hold harmless the situation for the Fairgrounds, not get any additional taxes relief through this bill. And so we only go down to 4 percent. That should save about \$90,000 and that would take the \$85,000 additional...drop it \$90,000 and you are saving \$5,000, but that is as close as we could get to a hold harmless situation. So that is all we are doing. As Senator DeCamp said, the money goes back into the horsemen and also to the Fairgrounds upkeep and I think that is a statewide concern. So I ask your support for it and turn the rest of my time over, please, Mr. President, to Senator Warner. Mr. President, I would like to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Warner.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to support the amendment. You perhaps will recall the whole issue with the State Fair came up because of change in race dates. That argument is now past. They are running in the fall, as you well know, with substantial less attendance profit, if that is the right word, for race track. Lincoln is what contributes to the operation of the State Fair which is a statewide interest. All this amendment does is hold the Fair track at the same level of taxes that they currently are at. I was in support of the other amendment and my basis for that was solely one that I recognize and believe that there will be a need to make that kind of adjustment on behalf of the horse operators, not on the institutions themselves. But at least this will leave the hold harmless to Lincoln. The other tracks will all have substantial reductions but the State Fair track will stay flat in terms of dollars, assuming the same handle. It seems reasonable and I would hope that the body would adopt this amendment.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Arlene Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have to oppose this amendment strictly on the basis that the building up of the Lincoln track, I know that it is Lincoln, I know it is the State Fairgrounds and I know that they need