

improvement, but I also have to object on the basis that this takes away from actually the stature and from our Fonner Park. And I strictly oppose it on those basis that I think that the tracks should be on their own basis and their own honor and I have to work to support our Fonner Park track which does a tremendous amount of good for agriculture and for our community and it is a good established business. And I have to oppose it on the basis that I want Fonner Park to remain as competitive as it can in the racing business.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Higgins, please. A reminder that the noise level is becoming exceedingly high again. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I merely want to state very briefly that if this motion to reconsider, or to bring the bill back rather for this specific amendment, in visiting with several of the other senators on the floor, they have told me that if this amendment passes, they will vote against the bill. I, for one, don't like to do that to my good friend, Senator Rupp, and I don't like to do it to the other race tracks that would benefit. But when you talk about being fair, how much money do they make in Lincoln at the Fair? I mean, they talk about how much money is made in Omaha, let's talk about how much money is made at the Fairgrounds. I just want to state right now, if the amendment...if we bring the amendment back, if the amendment is successful to give Lincoln another break, then I shall have to vote against the bill, as much as I don't want to. And I can tell you truthfully there is that sentiment among a number of other senators whom I have talked to. We are all a little bit tired of Lincoln's constantly begging and getting what they want and never giving to anyone else. I won't go through the litany now of the different things because I believe I have done that before. Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, colleagues.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Higgins. Senator Labeledz, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

SENATOR BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands, please? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, those opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.