

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BARRETT: Debate has ceased. We are back to the Wesely-Warner motion. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, I...let me emphasize something to you. We are not asking for a further reduction in taxes paid at the Fairground race track. We are just asking that you not increase the tax burden at the race track at the Fairgrounds unlike all the other race tracks under this bill which has a lower tax burden. I mean, the whole intent of the bill was to lower the tax rates so that they could have a more competitive situation with one exception and that was the Fairgrounds which got caught up in a...I would consider it a drafting error. So please don't try to interpret what we are trying to do here as to...as to reduce the tax burden. We are just trying to prevent a tax increase when everybody else is getting a tax break. That is really all we are doing. We are going down to 4 percent. I know Senator Higgins has exhibited quite a chip on her shoulder toward Lincoln this morning and I understand there are others of you that have a chip maybe not quite as large or as visible on your shoulders, but please understand that Lincoln itself is not particularly hurt by this effort, it is the Fairgrounds or the Fair operation, which is a state operation and the monies there are supported through the race track. So please understand we are not asking for an additional break. We are not asking for anything more than equity in terms of our tax burden, and then that money goes into the Fair and I think that is a reasonable request. So please help us with this amendment and I ask your support for it.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Wesely. The motion then is to return the bill. All those in favor aye, those opposed no. Have you all voted? Motion to return the bill offered by Senators Wesley and Warner. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: (Microphone not on)...for a roll call, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Roll call has been requested. Will you all please...would you all please check in. Hit your green buttons, please. Senator Vickers, please check in. Senator