

really being...are suffering here in the Lincoln race tracks. They don't have the right facilities. They don't have the proper horses coming in and that is actually what is hurting the races here in Lincoln. Now I was tempted to vote against this because of the earlier action, but I could not because I would be hurting the agriculture interests within my own district. So I am going to support this. Thank you.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, and colleagues, I just wish these balconies were as filled today with the Commonwealth people as they are when we debate Commonwealth. I wish the people of Commonwealth could call every Lincoln Senator and say, how did you get organized so fast to make sure that everybody that pays taxes in Nebraska doesn't get a 2 percent tax cut in the budget to save taxes because the Lincoln Senators are concerned about their University and all the money it generates. Senator Wesely, I don't have a chip on my shoulder. I have got a huge boulder. I feel for the people of Commonwealth. I feel sorry for them that their senators are able to do so much vote trading, so much organizing to get what they want. Isn't it a shame they haven't done as well by Commonwealth in over a year? It has to make those people wonder just how sincere are the Lincoln Senators when they stand up and whine and cry about the elderly. It is amazing how they can organize lobbyists out there in the Legislative Rotunda to help the Fairgrounds, to help Lincoln on its taxes, but Commonwealth, that's a different thing. The organization isn't there. Once again, the Lincoln Senators who call themselves the good government guys, and I believe it was a Lincoln Senator that when I came in back in 1981 criticized ten Republicans and called them the "Thone Clones". Frankly, I don't see any difference. If there were a group of Republicans that voted as a block and a coalition, why can't those good government guys made up of Lincoln Senators do anything for the poor people of Commonwealth and instead do just for those things that are nearest and dearest to their heart? They are all for the economy of Lincoln and the \$20 million that they want for Commonwealth, they say. And they keep talking about the elderly. It is amazing to me how well organized they are. On the Chairmanships of the Legislature Lincoln decided, the Lincoln Senators. I am going to have to vote with the Lincoln Senators only for one reason because I