

relates, in this particular instance, that we should, we are able to and should be able to support Senator Warner in his attempt to address this problem. Let's take it out of the general fund support, like he is proposing this afternoon. Let's not use the general fund for this, but instead let's address this support in the manner which Senator Warner has proposed. I do rise to support him. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have to oppose Senator Warner's amendment. I could go for the 4 percent. I realize that the...that it is our State Fair, and it is our state. But I also feel that the tax should be on a competitive basis. I have in mind my Fonner Park. They race early in the season. There are many weekends that they, some years, are unable to race at all or maybe catch a Friday or a Saturday. I think in all fairness in the tracks in being on an equal basis and an equal footing...I want to remind you the other day also that Fonner Park, due to the time that they have to pay their tax, they are losing \$300,000 this year if this bill passes, in comparison to the other tracks. I can support the four cents (sic), but I think that we should keep the tracks fair and on an even basis and an even footing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, it won't be necessary, that was the last one, but thank you. Senator Warner, would you like to close on your motion, please?

SENATOR WARNER: I would just say, Mr. President, two things. I've explained the reason. The one additional thing would be that as I recall the amendment that was offered the other day, I believe it was by Senator DeCamp as I recall, did have the 3 percent in which a number of you supported. The total amendment, but this is just selecting out the one, but it would even out the impact as far as the state is concerned. If, in fact, the additional race dates at Ak-Sar-Ben generates more total tax than it is very