

little larger increase in the exotic takeout than was called for in LB 1041. But I do think I've touched on the high points and given you the work product of the Revenue Committee and I'd be glad to answer whatever questions you might.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway, then Senator...oh, we have an amendment I understand.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend the committee amendments. (Schmit amendment appears on page 1200 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, first of all, I want to commend the Revenue Committee for working a long, long time I'm sure in attempting to answer some of the problems that they feel the racing industry in Nebraska and the thoroughbred breed faces due principally to the problem they feel that has emanated from the establishment of competition across the river. I would suggest that a number of years ago some of us voiced the opinion that there would one day be that kind of competition and we've all, of course, known that the time was inevitable when other states would follow the practice of Nebraska and install some sort of gambling activity and in the case of Iowa they have, in effect, preempted us in some areas. I well recall one time and I suggested to individuals that it might not be a bad idea for Nebraska to establish, particularly Ak-Sar-Ben, to establish their own little dog track on the very premises and try to keep some of those individuals who are now crossing the Missouri River at home. At that time the suggestion was met with incredulity and certainly statements of abstract horror I guess, but today perhaps it might not seem like it was such a bad idea. Far be it from me to remind anyone that I suggested that but I would guess that the time will come when we will see someone review that sort of a suggestion. My amendment, very briefly, strikes that portion of the bill which states that we guarantee the Ak-Sar-Ben track against any loss of revenue. Now, I would suggest that there are areas in my own district, David City, Columbus, Dwight and other areas, who would like as an entity to be guaranteed against any loss of revenue for their particular enterprise. I don't know that we have ever in 18 years that I've been on this