

encourage this sort of thing, I am suggesting that perhaps those individuals who take it upon themselves to bet a dollar or two on the dogs will at some point in time decide that maybe the horses are a better bet. They don't know as much about jockeys as I do and that sort of thing, but they are going to take a chance on the horses and so I would suggest that what will happen will be that you will, in fact, see an improved handle at Omaha. And I am saying that the precautions that have been taken by the Revenue Committee are unnecessary. I will say this also in defense, because I'm going to hedge my bet a bit, I'm going to say that in the event the handle drops it will be the fault of the management, it will be the fault of the management who will have become complacent, who will have decided to rely upon the largess of the Legislature and knowing that they really are going to be reimbursed for any losses, they are going to suggest that perhaps it is easier just to go back to the Legislature and collect from the taxpayer rather than to use their own ability to generate revenue for this very worthwhile enterprise. I'd just like to suggest also that when I watch what has happened, I listened to some of the suggestions that have been offered as to how the track will once again become a profitable institution. I think the track may have a little difficulty justifying its existence since its original charge was to improve the thoroughbred breed and to assist in charitable activities. Now if you wipe out the scholarships and you wipe out the other charitable activities, there is some question, there is some really serious question as to the legitimate need for the industry anyway. And so I think that we're going to be under some pressure and I think that there will be some individuals who will observe the track very carefully to see that it does serve some kind of legitimate purpose. I guess most of all I am...I guess I am torn, I'm torn between two points of view, one, my own natural gambling instinct which says let them survive and let them prosper and so for. The other is the double standard which says that one type of gambling is so much better than others and it's good for us to participate in the horses, but the dogs are bad and we should not encourage those dogs. I would suggest we're going to see dogs in Nebraska some day and not as I said one time at a public hearing, eleven hundred pound dogs running at Columbus with a jockey on their back, although that will come about also. I want to say also that I'm a little bit disturbed at our smaller tracks. I'm appalled, I guess, that Senator Conway and my own good friend Senator Rupp