

say I don't know anything about the racing industry, but they'll support this bill because a track is in their area. So there is... Senator Nelson raised her hand. She made me lose my thought, but it will come back to me in a second. Senator Nelson, don't do that. I'll pay attention to you. Some of these other people, what they do, just go by me, but you distract me. All right, if the tracks take in less than 95 percent, their tax drops from 5 percent to 4. If they make between 95 and a 100, it's 4.5 percent. If they make 99.99 percent, then it's the full 5 percent. So what they would do well to do is, as Senator Schmit mentioned, show a little management ineptitude and make 99.9 percent and cut off a full half percent of their tax and gain by doing that and the Legislature is encouraging and rewarding inefficiency and ineptitude, but that's the kind of bill it is and it's the kind of Legislature we're dealing with. If the taxes on Ak-Sar-Ben are cut, then that's less tax money into the coffers. It's going to have to be made up somewhere. Those people who choose not to gamble are going to have to pay it out of their pocketbooks, people who go to church. People who come down here to speak against gambling are going to have to make up for what the Legislature is going to give Ak-Sar-Ben by way of a tax break and I think that's not right.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then they're going to fleece the taxpayers and they are going to fleece the bettors. The bettors are not going to win as much on the money they wager. Betting on horse races is not gambling, it's stupidity. You have less chance of winning on a horse race than almost any other form of betting. Horse racing is a form of lottery. It's strictly chance. No matter how you figure or what you think and how you plan, you still have nothing to do with determining what the outcome might be, but athletic gambling which is an intelligent form, if there is an intelligent form, is the only kind of gambling that's unlawful in this state. Preposterous. But that's the kind of Legislature it is and those are the kind of bills we're going to consider, Mr. Chairman. Now, if Ak-Sar-Ben doesn't...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Ten seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...pay the taxes, somebody else will. I