

well enough to persuade a majority to go along with that point. I'm asking that the Chair be overruled in this instance because this bill no longer is the one that was introduced. This bill does not accomplish the purpose, Senator Hannibal, of those who introduced it. So if the purpose to be accomplished by the introducers is what determines germaneness, you heard Senator Smith who was on this bill tell how the bill does not accomplish that purpose, but again, these are elastic arguments that are manipulated to fit whatever ruling is desired, and it is desired that this issue not be discussed at this point. But I think we ought to become sensible about what constitutes germaneness in this body. And if gambling cannot be considered germane to a gambling bill, then nothing can really be, but I know that's not what will happen all the time. This is Ak-Sar-Ben's bill. You have allowed, by the adoption of the amendment that Senator Vard Johnson offered, Ak-Sar-Ben to corrupt LB 1041 that some people have said they would support because it was offered under the guise of aiding the little tracks. Ak-Sar-Ben got cut out last year. They had to figure how to achieve that and how to whip the senators in line who are from the areas of the little tracks and they did it. They did it by taking a Lippizan and placing it on the back of a Shetland pony and telling that Shetland pony run with it, and that's what is being done with the bill as it has been amended already. What I'm offering is not a Lippizan. I'm offering a blanket, Senator Johnson, which will be like a buffer between the hard, cruel unyielding hooves of that Lippizan and the tender weak back of that Shetland pony. So this is an act of mercy that I bring this afternoon and it will, to some extent, diminish the hypocrisy inherent in what the Legislature is doing. But I'll tell you one thing, my vote was one of those that helped kill the lottery bill, but I'm reaching the point now that a disgust is setting in with me and gambling is gambling is gambling. It does no good to stand up when we're talking about lotteries and say that they're evil and then come in with such strong support for horse racing and they've got more horse racing tracks in Nebraska than I think they have in any other state in the country. A little peanut head state like Nebraska, 1.5 million people, farms going under, businesses closing, unemployment at a higher level now than it has been in years, and they're talking about giving tax breaks to the race tracks, giving subsidies to little tracks that will be underwritten not only by the taxpayer, but by the bettor who has been suckered to the