

harmless from any tax, the smaller tracks, by raising that gross base dollar exemption last year. Lincoln has always had the 4 percent tax and they have justified that because of their state fair involvement, but the committee discussed how perhaps that was not even still necessary, but that remains at 4 percent break for them. Ak-Sar-Ben has been the mainstay and the backbone of the horse industry. It's also been an important contributor to other agricultural related activities. That was in the past and it is today and what we are trying to keep is a perspective so that that will remain so in the future. I urge that you support the amended LB 1041 and support it all the way across and pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I had my light on. I was going to speak when Senator Chambers was challenging the Chair because I totally agreed with him and I mentioned to Senator Chambers that I was going to get a transcript of what he said on bookies and I was going to use it word for word on the lottery and just change the word bookies to lotteries because he kept saying gambling is gambling is gambling. But Senator Chambers, I believe, forgot that last year it was determined or said on this floor that parimutuel betting was strictly an agricultural business because it was horse breeding. I was intending to attach an amendment to LB 1041 and put my 1021 on which was the commission type lottery, but instead I will not waste the time to do that because I'm sure that the Chair in its wisdom will say also that that is not germane. I can recall also some of them...I think it was Senator Chambers that said, or that it was an agricultural industry or horse racing was considered an industry. Well, when we had the video machines I considered that a new business in economic development because it brought business to the cities that had video machines. I also think that, Senator Chambers, when you mentioned the fact that an older woman should be queen of Ak-Sar-Ben, if I support this bill and it passes, then I think we should suggest to Ak-Sar-Ben that I'm the oldest woman on the floor and that rather than Marge Higgins vying for that position, I think it should be the oldest woman and the oldest man to be the king and queen of Ak-Sar-Ben. Ak-Sar-Ben, if you will recall, is similar to a lottery because they...with one of the games I believe they have in Bellevue is Lotto where you pick five or six numbers and if