

voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been asked for.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on page 1210 of the Legislative Journal.) 3 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Now we're back on the bill and, Senator Hefner, you're up.

SENATOR HEFNER: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, speakers of the body, I won't comment on Senator Chambers' comment whether a deal has been traded or so on. I really have not gotten into that. I can speak for Fonner Park and some of the reductions in parimutuel taxes that they have found very productive, particularly Florida, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio. In Maryland they have reduced their tax from .409 to .5 of a percent. Maryland reduced. Oklahoma from 6 percent down. Steps are being taken to reduce it to 2 percent. To give you a little comparison, in Nebraska for each dollar wagered 85 cents is returned to the fan. In...nationwide, that average is 83 cents. Five cents goes to the state and national average is 3.5 and 5 cents goes to the horsemen; 6.75 purses to the horsemen in the national average and 5 cents to the track and the same way in exotic or maybe losers wagering. I had to find out exactly what that was, too, Senator Chambers, but again, Nebraska is very low in that same percentage and I won't take up a lot of time. I think the bill has been discussed. One other point I would like to point out to you. Horse racing parimutuel taxes per capita by state, Nebraska is the very highest, \$5.75. The next closest is California with \$4.82; Illinois with \$4.80 and I'll go down to Wyoming, 4 cents, which gives you a little comparison. Colorado is 44 cents in comparison to our 5.75 so it gives you a little point on the taxes. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway, would you close, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just rise to suggest we've been through a lot of discussion relative to other concerns and parallel concerns and some that are maybe not necessarily as related as others. I