

Committee put out made for an inclusion of the basic provisions of LB 798 offered by Senator DeCamp, also the inclusion of LB 803 which Senator Rupp had offered, all dealing with the parimutuel situation and various statutes regulating the area, and 1041. 1041 was basically a trust fund approach of providing a support base for the smaller tracks within the racing industry that would be supported by the additional 1 percent takeout from the exotic categories. The bill includes a distribution of a program for both the quarter horses and the small tracks with 15 percent going to the quarter horses and 85 percent being split between the two small thoroughbred tracks as an aid to the industry. Also the Revenue Committee in their amendments have developed a plan dealing with LB 798 which was Senator DeCamp's bill providing for a progressive process of dealing with the tax difficulty depending upon the handle as it may arise in this coming year, and so I think the bill has been pretty well hashed out. Most of the parties involved seem to be quite satisfied and now that there are no other amendments I just urge the body to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement...oh, Senator Nelson, excuse me, I overlooked you.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, I think Senator Conway explained it very well and this bill is particularly important to Fonner Park because of the fact that their racing revenue, and so on, is down about 11 percent or 12 percent this year and I just would move for the passage of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is the advancement of the...do you have an amendment? Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, before you take that up, may I introduce some guests under the north balcony from Tekamah, guests of Senator Goll, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bryant, sales manager of Tekamah Motors, Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury dealer. Sounds like a commercial. Would you please welcome them to the Legislature. Would you folks please stand. May I ask the students in the north balcony, please don't lean over the top. You may fall out and you may hit one of our better senators as you fall over. We do appreciate your being here, though. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hartnett would move to amend the bill.