

everything else so I hope you vote to overrule the Speaker and let's go on to the amendment, go on to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak on overruling the Chair?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right.

SENATOR HABERMAN: We've had before...Mr. President, members of the body, many, many bills that we have gutted and changed. We talked about one this morning. The public hearing was held in 1985, did not even mention sales tax increase. We put a sales tax increase in. There was no public hearing held. We've had many, many times this session we've done things, no public hearing is held. All this is going to do is give western Nebraska a piece of the action. The people now from western Nebraska go to the dog races in Denver. This would give small county fairs, it would give North Platte an opportunity to have dog races. Now I don't see anything wrong with that. You don't have to have them in the eastern part of the state, but we can set up dog races out there and have something going. We run 7,000 people a night through two nights of our county fair. That's 14,000 people. Why not let us have a chance to have a piece of the action? You don't have to have dog races in the eastern part of Nebraska if you don't want them, but for gosh sakes, let North Platte, let Imperial, let Scottsbluff, let somebody have something. We can't afford to put in racetracks or grandstands. So all it does is put it to the vote of the people, should we allow dog races, therefore, I ask you to overrule the Chair, my good friend Senator Nichol. Let's let the people vote on this and go on about our business. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, did you wish to speak on overruling the Chair?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I would. Senator Pappas, would you answer a question for me, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: If I can.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Pappas, why don't we just go with a