

and I agree with that, that there is only so many gambling dollars out there and if a race track is located within a city that is carrying on a keno operation that the 2 percent gross proceeds of that keno should go to the fund that Senator Johnson has described. I guess my belief is rather simple. It's coming from a situation in Douglas County, the largest race track in the state is Ak-Sar-Ben and it will affect a number of tracks around the state but it basically affects this Ak-Sar-Ben track and the keno operation that is going to be beginning shortly in the City of Omaha, there is high expectations that they will raise a considerable amount of money. Unfortunately an area that I represent, Ralston, also has a keno operation and that keno operation is located within Douglas County and as a result the keno operation, 2 percent of the gross from Ralston will be going into this fund. I can understand their concern from the City of Omaha in their possibly very successful keno operation, but we have a situation where it doesn't affect any of the keno operations that border Douglas County, in LaVista and Bellevue and other surrounding communities around Douglas County. So if they want to do it within the city limits, I think that's fine and I'll support the amendment, but I'll only support the amendment with this provision in that and I'll be happy to answer any questions to my amendment to Senator Johnson's amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Again, I'll refer to the senators who have their lights on. Senator Labeledz, do you wish to speak to Senator Abboud's amendment?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Abboud's amendment to the amendment? No, to the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Smith, do you wish to speak to Senator Abboud's amendment to the amendment? Senator Schmit. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members, I rise to oppose this amendment. I think it's, when you're talking about gambling dollars in an area, whether they're inside the city or the county, you're talking about the same dollars where there is only so many gambling dollars out there, and I think you need to consider all of the dollars in that area. So by just leaving it into the one city I think you're penalizing the horse racing industry because there's gambling dollars going into keno in the other section just like Ralston and I don't think that's really