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maybe if those race tracks close, they're not going to receive anything. So the \$308,000 that they received last year and will continue is a good payment from those race tracks. And this amendment is needed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to try to understand this bill a little better. If I might ask Senator Will a couple of questions about it. This...first of all, this purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben has happened so quickly. I remember last year or the year before there was some discussion about what Ak-Sar-Ben would be able to do if simulcasting was put into place. And it was my understanding that with some of those tax breaks that we gave that Ak-Sar-Ben would be able to go ahead. And I'm not at all...I understand the dilemma. And I think Senator Will has made a good case for the need to address the problem in the way that Senator Hall has done. And I'm not necessarily opposed to that. But I do want to understand for the record a little bit about the deal. And what concerns me, and maybe Senator Will can address himself to it for the record, is, as I understand it, Douglas County is buying Ak-Sar-Ben. Is that correct? Senator Will, would you answer?

SENATOR WILL: Certainly.

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right.

SENATOR WILL: Yeah, that is correct.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Then...and that means that the county...who enters into the agreement to buy Ak-Sar-Ben?

SENATOR WILL: Well, what has happened is, obviously, nothing can occur without approval of the county board. At this point, there's been two nonprofit corporations formed, they're arms of the county, Raceco and Nonraceco and...

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right, let me just ask this then, are...those are Nebraska nonprofit corporations?

SENATOR WILL: I believe so.

SENATOR ASHFORD: And how do those people...or how do the board