

PRESIDENT MOULTON: Time.

SENATOR ANTHONY: I think I'm next.

PRESIDENT MOULTON: You are next, Senator Anthony.

SENATOR ANTHONY: But...but...thank you, Madam President. But where are we? We have a situation where the county has created nonprofit corporations to enter into a contract with a private developer and...but, at the same time, what I don't understand in this whole mix is what...where do the people of Douglas County come in? Last year we had an amendment, if Omaha senators signed it, to the Kern bill, asking for a vote of the people on the purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben. And that went away when the city and the county agreed on the purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben. Now we have nonprofit corporations set up to run Ak-Sar-Ben. And now they're not only set up to run Ak-Sar-Ben, they're going to contract with a private developer, which I don't have a problem with, but where do the people gain in all of this? We lose tax revenue, about \$300,000 worth, with the Hall amendment, and added to that the people are not directly involved in the operation of the track because we have nonprofit corporations running the track. And there's another step removed, even again, because they're going to contract with a private developer. Now, I'm willing to look at that option, and I'm willing to vote that option ahead today, because it may be, and Senator Will is going to talk about it, I think, there may...that may be the only way this can be done, and I...legally. But I'll tell you, we've got to think a little bit about where the people of Douglas County and the State of Nebraska fit into this thing. And that's where my concern is. The people of the State of Nebraska are losing tax revenue, that's why I think we should not do this amendment today and just go ahead and vote this bill across. Secondly, what is the structure of this deal? Why do we have nonprofit corporations running it? Where are the voters, and the citizens, and the taxpayers of Douglas County, where are they involved? So those are my concerns. I will vote for 1061. At this point, I'm going to...I'm going to just not vote at all on this Hall amendment, and I would suggest it get...that it not...that it be taken off today and we look at it again on Select. With that, I'm going to give some time to Senator Landis.