

give us a break and we will make it, they have not done what they said, and they come back for an additional break. A point has to be reached where we say, no more, and I think the point has been reached now because they want to dump the turkey on a public body.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Time. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I definitely oppose this bracket motion. In all this discussion, and I realize right now we are probably talking about Ak-Sar-Ben, but I will tell you, Fonner Park, I passed out to you this morning and you can see the number of activities there, the number of people employed, and what it does for our community. If we don't have Ak-Sar-Ben, I am not so sure that we will have a Fonner Park. Maybe that is one more big entity, one more business down the drain. As I told you, in fact I think right now or before Christmas, they had 1,300 horses in there, over 600 people employed. It is an entity. It is not just a gambling place. There are many, many activities held at Fonner Park. If Ak-Sar-Ben goes down the drain, I am sure it would be difficult for Fonner Park. I hope that we have worked out something for the quarter horse tracks to at least give it another year or try it. I don't look at this as another big giveaway. I know where Senator Chambers, having lived in Omaha, and maybe some of the members of Ak-Sar-Ben, they are...they are not liked in the community. That is besides the point. But to we folks out in God's country or out in central Nebraska, Fonner Park means an awfully lot to us, and if this, the tax concessions, usually when it comes time when the Legislature meets, a few years ago Fonner Park didn't get them. But I want you to know, and, Senator Chambers, I am real proud to tell you last week, I believe it was, or it could have been the prior week, Fonner Park was able to increase the handle by 5 percent. They have had various events, sometimes Senior Citizens Day, or something, some type of a promotional event, and they are trying to be run very, very professional, and they are trying to hold on as an entity, and they are doing it quite well. So, I am not saying that they are going down the drain because they are at least holding their own and have been able to improve this year. So I would very much be against this bracket, and they are trying, and they are doing it.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Moore.