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can make quarter horse racing viable in Nebraska. They have dates that the Racing Commission has approved. This money will help them with the purses they will need and the operations of the track, to see whether they can operate a successful meet in 1992. This obviously puts the onus of burden upon those folks, the quarter horse folks, as well as the people in Hastings that operate Queen City Downs, as to whether they can make a successful meet out of this situation this year. Those of us who would like to have seen the Small Track Fund sustained, are willing, I guess at this particular point, to compromise with taking the \$53,000 for this year, giving the quarter horse people their chance and coming back next and deciding whether or not they did exactly what they said they were going to do, which was make it a successful meet. It's interesting to note, as Senator Schellpeper indicated, that in the interim study they're going to look at the idea of mixed racing cards, combining thoroughbred with quarter horse racing. I'm not sure that will work in Nebraska. But it is interesting to note that of the states that operate horse racing west of the Mississippi, Nebraska, and I believe Arkansas are the only two states that operate an exclusive card for either thoroughbred or quarter horse racing, they do not have a mixed card race. At least that's the information that has been provided to me by the quarter horse people. So, it is not unheard of, but it is obviously something unfamiliar to a lot of us in Nebraska. I hope that Senator Schellpeper and the General Affairs Committee will be able to examine that issue further and see whether or not it is, in fact, a viable option we could look at in future years for Nebraska, mixing quarter horse with thoroughbreds. But, at this particular point, this amendment that Senator Schellpeper offers at least gives the quarter horse people a window of one year to prove themselves. And I will, I guess, appreciate that and vote for the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I have to ask Senator Schellpeper a question.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schellpeper, you and I...you and I haven't had this much conversation, I don't think, since we've been in the Legislature. So, it's nice to talk to you like this today. Did I understand you to say that a study is being done