

did not...they could not attract enough horses to make it a successful meet. We also had the Deshler track, for a while, that was operating. It has since gone out of existence. The goal, I think, has been to consolidate the quarter horse meet, this year at least, based on my conversation with those folks, to the Queen City Downs track at Hastings. A limited number of dates on certain weekends when the thoroughbreds are not running in this state, hopefully would draw a good crowd. Now, Senator Chambers, you asked what is a successful attendance, and I think that's purely a subjective question. Anyone could, as Senator Bohlke said, in Hastings a good attendance at a meet could be a couple hundred, whereas in Omaha, at Ak-Sar-Ben, it might be several thousand. The bottom line, obviously, or the question, I think, that you're raising is can we produce a profit to make the meet a success. And that is something that is not up to this body to produce, but it's up to, I think, those folks that are pushing quarter horse racing in Nebraska, for that, as Senator Schellpeper has indicated, that one more year. If they cannot produce a profit, or cannot produce what they consider to be a successful meet and come back to this Legislature, because remember this is one-time money, they've got to come back here and justify their existence for another year and find money to support their racing operations for another year. So, at that time, Senator Chambers, you may be here, others may be here, and you will ask the same questions of the same people at that point in time, was your meet successful, did you make a profit, did you lose money, did you have the horses, did people turn out, all those questions, I think, could be asked after the fact and we'll better know whether or not they were pulling our tail, or actually they were right about the issue of restarting or jump starting the whole quarter horse racing issue again in Nebraska for another year.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Lamb a question or two about this. Senator Lamb, do they call these creatures quarter horses because they're one-quarter horse and three-quarters something else, or that they're one-quarter as fast as real racehorses? Or why do they call them that, because I really don't know.

SENATOR LAMB: They have well developed hindquarters, Senator Chambers.