

With Senator Chambers' amendment stripping that we're back to how the bill was advanced out of committee with the committee amendments, and I would at that point argue that the bill is no longer acceptable to the individuals who represent those organizations. I would ask that you not support Senator Chambers' amendment, that the compromise that was reached with that amendment is a good one, and that if there is a problem that it could very well be revisited next year. With that, again, I would urge you to continue to let this money flow to the purses because that's what keeps the individuals who own and breed these horses running in Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam President and members, I also rise to oppose the Chambers amendment. Even though I supported the original bill, because I think that's what we have to do, the compromise reached by all the individuals involved is the amendment, the Hall-Will amendment for this year, and I think it's a...it's moving us in the right way that we need to go. Senator Chambers said that we just need to take away all of the funding. Well, if the bill doesn't pass this year, it puts it back to the original form. So, actually, it's going to give them more money than what Senator Chambers wants to give them. So the amendment that was adopted actually would take half of it and put it to the three larger tracks. So, I oppose the amendment. It was a compromise worked out for this year. We can come back next and take a look at the Small Track Fund again. So I oppose the amendment at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. There are no further lights. Senator Chambers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do, Madam President. You have to know when to hold 'em, and know when to fold 'em. I don't know how much this bill means to the others, but it means...the issue that I'm on means enough to me to just stop the bill, so I'm going to put a motion up there. Senator Schellpeper said he doesn't want you to adopt my amendment, and I indicated that I would then be opposed to the bill. And apparently it makes him no difference, so I want him to say that on the record. Senator Schellpeper, you don't really need this bill, isn't that correct?