Hearing Date: February 5, 2007
Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Synowiecki)
Title: Provide for parimutuel wagering on historic horseraces

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

    Advanced to General File

    Advanced to General File with Amendments

X   Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

Yes	Senator(s): McDonald, Karpisek, Dierks, Dubas, Friend, Janssen, Preister
No	
Present, not voting	
Absent	Senator Erdman

Proponents:	**Representing:**
Sen. John Synowiecki	Introducer
Dennis Lee	Nebraska State Racing Commission
Edward Ziemba	Nebraska Quarter Horse Racing Association
Dick Moore	Thoroughbred Racing Association of Nebraska
Lynne Schuller	Nebraska HBPA

Opponents:	**Representing:**
Pat Loontjer	Gambling with the Good Life
John Dittman	Self
Dave Bydalek	Family First

Neutral:	**Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 546 would have allowed the State Racing Commission to license and regulate pari-mutuel wagering on previous horse races.

How historic racing would work: there is a pool of more than 55,000 past horse races that are shown to bettors on instant racing terminals. The races, tracks, and horses are not revealed, and the order of races are selected and run randomly. Only certain statistics about past performances, track conditions, etc., are provided to the bettor. The bettor places his bet, and then watches a portion of the race before another bet can be placed.

Details

Section 1 amends §2-1203.01, relating to the State Racing Commission's duties, by adding a new subsection directing the Commission to license and regulate pari-mutuel wagering on historic horse races, which is to be limited to $10 per play and requires the race to be replayed on the terminal long enough so as to "maintain the integrity of such horserace . . ."

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

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Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson