

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB299

Hearing Date: Monday February 07, 2011
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Change horseracing provisions to authorize contracts for live race meetings and change licensing requirements

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brasch, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Larson, McGill, Schumacher
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Bloomfield

Proponents:

Sen. Russ Karpisek
Lynne Schuller

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association

Opponents:

Pat Loontjer
Al Riskowski

Representing:

Gambling with the Good Life
Nebraska Family Council

Neutral:

Tom Sage

Representing:

Nebraska Racing Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Under LB 299, an existing racetrack licensee may contract with another racetrack licensee to conduct a live race meeting on its behalf. The issue for the horseracing industry is that live horseracing is more profitable at some racetracks than others. This bill would allow a racetrack where live horseracing is less profitable to contract with another racetrack where live horseracing is more profitable in order to meet its requirement for live horseracing dates. The racetrack that has less profitable live horseracing would still be able to conduct simulcast.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson