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## ***HB 1444 Testimony***

### ***House Agriculture Committee***

### ***Room 327C 1/28/21 @ 9:00 am***

*Chairmen Johnson members of the House Agriculture Committee for the record my name is Senator Richard Marcellais, District 9, Rolette County.*

*I am here this morning to testify on HB 1444 – relating to the regulation of historic horse racing. This bill would allow the state to operate so-called ‘historical’ horse racing machines. This bill will have adverse an adverse effect on all other gambling within the state. The main issue is that there would be a negative effect on the state’s charitable gambling operation. Historic horse racing would also decrease revenues for all gaming in the state.*

*The bill would allow the operation of ‘historical’ horse racing machines which are nothing more then slot machines. These machines run video footage of old horse races from around the world. “I like betting on live horses at our local casino not died ones”. I don’t see in the bill any federal regulatory over the historical horse racing machines.*

*Chairman Johnson members of the House Agriculture Committee, I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 1444. I will try an answer any question you may have.*

