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already, and as I told the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee I really don't think that's the issue any more, it's simply a question of who decides. What this bill would provide is that the State Racing Commission that regulates all other matters with regards to horse racing would decide. I'm having the pages hand out a little piece of information that might help you understand the issue a little better. It's a little diagram of a horse showing the various parts and things and you may want to read that over and I'm not an expert on horses but, if you have questions off the sheet I'll try and answer it. I've never carried a horse racing bill before in my six years in the Legislature. It's the first time I've ever done this, but I would ask you to support me on this particular issue with that. The one argument I've heard against the bill is that horses need a day of rest too. I got a letter from someone indicating that. Working them seven days a week may be a little severe, but I think the State Racing Commission can handle that. It would provide a little more employment perhaps for horses and I think they could work that issue out, so I would move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: We have amendments, Senator Marsh. Would you read the amendments, Pat?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is offered by Senator George. On page 2, line 7, after the period insert, "if such approval is granted no racing shall occur on Sunday until after 1:00 p.m." That's offered by Senator George.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, members, I don't believe that there is any objection to this particular amendment. We just clarify that if racing would take place on Sundays, it cannot be done before 1:00 p.m. I hope you adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maxey.

SENATOR MAXEY: Not on this amendment, on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on Senator George's amendment? That's the question. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Do you have any further amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a second amendment by Senator George but it's identical so I... Senator George, do you wish to withdraw this second amendment. We printed the same amendment on two different places.

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, certainly. I would like to withdraw it.

CLERK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Maxey, do you wish to be heard on the motion to advance?

SENATOR MAXEY: Yes, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Fowler please.

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