

serious, I mean, I'm not going to stand and argue with you if you're not sincere in your intent to try to remove the whole section on fingerprinting as being proposed in this amendment. You have two other amendments which are different versions of it. Is there going to be your first attempt and if this fails, then you're going to go to the next and then to the next?

SENATOR HALL: That is correct. It's not an attempt to delay the bill. I will only close on the bill unless, or on the amendment unless there are other questions. I'm not going to try and delay the bill. I put them in this order because they are from the most...

SENATOR SMITH: Progressively, in other words.

SENATOR HALL: ...important, exactly.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, all right, so what I'll do then is just speak now to the members of the body and give my reasons for opposing this amendment, and I'm not saying that I'm really opposed to something...one of his other amendments which are less restrictive than this one is. If you recall, this bill really had two provisions in it. The one provision dealt with the ability of the commission to revoke or suspend licenses and the second portion of the bill, when we had it on General File, dealt with the ability of them to fingerprint any licensee or applicant for the purposes of conducting a background check for any criminal history, and it covered those people that were in positions in the race track who worked in restricted access area or...but it did not apply to employees of food or drink concessions or to admissions employees. So those people are exempt from it at this point in time. The other thing that I would tell you is that I know that Senator Hall had this problem, this concern. We had this bill in committee, if I recall, last year. We didn't deal with it on the floor, but he had this same concern last year about the fact that this is being offered by the commission and that they were exempting themselves from being included in the fingerprint process. And I know that a number of times they have said, because it's been...that question has specifically been asked of them, as you object to including yourselves and they said, no. But then when they brought their bill in it did not have it in. That's why when Senator Hall wasn't here on General File, on his behalf, I said that I knew he had problems because it had been expressed before this that he would probably be addressing on Select File.