

there wasn't enough funding coming into the Racing Commission, there is not enough people attending racing anymore, so we had to put the admission tax back in. Also the maximum amount of the deduction was changed from 24 percent to twenty...was changed to 24 percent from 25 percent. And also that was on all exotic wagers, and also the effective date of May 1st was put into the committee amendments. Now we have some amendments to the committee amendments. I would like to go to them, if I could, Mr. Chairman, because that gets into the rest of the bill.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Schellpeper, oh, excuse me, there is an amendment on the desk.

**CLERK:** Senator Schellpeper would move to amend the committee amendments with AM3495, Mr. President. (See page 988 of the Journal.)

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Schellpeper, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

**SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:** Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Again, this is a way that after we put all the figures together we found out that there was enough...that there would not be enough money coming in to fund the Racing Commission so we had to go back and find another way to do that. So what all the race tracks and horsemen decided that we would have to do, we came up with this amendment and it would change the language so that two-tenths of 1 percent of the gross sum wagered will go to the Racing Commission, now that is two-tenths of 1 percent of the gross sum wagered, and also the amendment to the committee amendments would change the effective date to May 5th, 1994, so that it would go into effect after Fonner Park. At May 1st, Fonner Park would still have some days of live racing left, so with the amendments, if we change it to May 5th, 1994, that way it won't be in the middle of any race track's live racing days as far as their actual fee. So that's the committee amendment. All it is, its just basically, it changes, adds the language so that two-tenths of 1 percent of the gross sum wagered will go to the Racing Commission and also the effective date. I would move for the amendment to the committee amendment. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** The question is the Schellpeper amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1153: Discussion? Senator Hall.