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went to education but now became the property of the racing industry. I think that the adoption of that amendment and the process that it went through then kind of reflect the attitude of the racing industry and perhaps the priorities that we often see in this Legislature as to who gets consideration. Are we going to take a vote in five minutes? Is that right, Senator Haberman, is that...? Thank you. It seems that the priority there is that there was really no public hearing.

SENATOR CLARK: Could we have it a little quiet to give Senator Fowler a chance, please.

SENATOR FOWLER: Yes, I only have three minutes left.

SENATOR CLARK: Go ahead.

SENATOR FOWLER: Let me ask, based on Senator Haberman's information that we would take a vote, is that even if the...is that a vote on the bill or the amendment? I guess I have a point of order that I would like to inquire. Senator Haberman has informed me that there will be a vote taken in three minutes and I was just curious if that is true.

SENATOR CLARK: You go ahead, I will make the decision on that.

SENATOR FOWLER: Oh, okay. I thought maybe he was presiding. So essentially what we see there is that the Legislature stole money from the school fund to give it to the racing industry. Now we get a good deal of concern about the sanctity of the school fund in other situations that, for example, when we get to talking about the severance tax, Senator Nichol might recall that there was a great offense at an effort that he had, a bill with a public hearing, full debate and so on to deal with the letting a little of the severance tax that went to the school fund be used in another area of education, technical colleges. There didn't seem to be any problem or compunction when the racing industry comes in to take money away from the school fund and let it go to the race track. I think that this reflects kind of some priorities that the Legislature unfortunately reflects. So I am offering this amendment basically to restore back to education the money that was taken in this Select File amendment and to take race tracks and treat them as anyone else in the area and concept of unclaimed property. And so with that I would move for adoption of the amendment.

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