

amendments? All right.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I won't go into the bill itself, I'll leave that to the introducers of the bill. But I will now go directly into the committee amendments regarding simulcasting. And I will give them to you in the order that they are provided in the amendment itself. The first thing that it does is include simulcasting handles as a part of the total handle toward the \$100 million tax threshold that we've established in the past. Secondly, we clarify reporting procedures. Third, it sends 1 percent of the simulcasting wagers to breeders fund, along with the 1 percent exotic wagers. Four, it provides for input and recommendations from thoroughbred breeders to the commission. Five, it requires the commission to consider impact of interstate simulcasting on the entire horse breeding industry in Nebraska. Six, it exempts quarter horse tracks from the 90 percent race day requirements of the total days that are allowed. Seven, it allows a committee to waive that requirement for thoroughbred tracks, if the standard is not met due to natural disasters. And, eight, it requires the commission to consider whether all areas of the state are being served and have access to simulcasting at licensed tracks when deciding whether to approve or deny application for simulcasting. That's the entirety of the committee amendment. If there are any questions, I would try to answer them, otherwise I would ask for the adoption of the amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, because of the time of day I'm not going to do much or try to do much on this bill. It would be as easy, whatever I might have in mind to do, to accomplish it on Select as it would on General, so I'm not going to hold it up. But I'd like to ask Senator Jackie Smith a question, if I may, or two, a question or two.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't breath so hard. (Laugh.) Senator Smith, have you ever heard the name Pete Rose?