

think, on the Clerk's desk that deals with the committee amendments. And, I don't know, I don't have any problem introducing the bill, first, and then going to that motion, because it's a motion to divide. If I could, I'd like to at least explain the bill, in general, and then move to the motion, if that's appropriate.

PRESIDENT: That would be fine.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 1055 is one of five bills that was introduced before the Revenue Committee this year that dealt with the issue of gambling and gambling taxes. LB 1055 was one of three bills in particular that dealt with the issue of parimutuel wagering, or horse race wagering. There were two specific bills that, in general, LB 1034, which was the industry bill, and then 1055 which was the bill that I introduced as well. Senator Lynch introduced another bill that dealt with the overall gambling tax at a flat rate of 2 percent. The other bills were bills that I introduced that dealt with the issue of pickle and bingo taxes. What the Revenue Committee did was consolidate portions of some or most of these bills into the committee amendments we now have before us. And the committee amendments do become LB 1055 in their total. So the issue here is the white copy of committee amendments that you see in your bill book, and reference from here on out on this bill will be to that white copy. What we do in the committee amendments is, as I stated, combine the pickle, bingo and parimutuel tax issues into the three different areas, put them together, and we do that for purposes of just dealing with gambling on a level basis. Much criticism over the years has been directed at the fact that the State of Nebraska treats gambling different, depending on what type of gambling it is. Some forms of gambling have been viewed as better forms of gambling than others. What we tried to do as a committee was address this issue, put them together, deal with them as we felt would be appropriate on the floor. Granted, they aren't treated as equally as Senator Lynch would have had it in his original bill, which was a flat tax, but they are treated, I think, in the committee amendments fairly as we'll present them to you. What we do in the handout that I've given to you, that starts out with the committee amendments to LB 1055, and there were approximately nine different pages to it, I think, we deal with three...the three separate issues that are going to be dealt with in the division. And I'm going to take them in the order that I think the division is going to be taken in. We'll deal