

tax was at 3 percent of gross proceeds prior to the restructuring regulation, the limitation on the bingo...or, excuse me, the pickle industry prior to the passage of the 1987 law. So we would be bringing it back into line to where it was prior to the cleanup. It will still remain at a higher level than it was, and we also adjust, in that same committee amendment, the distribution of the proceeds of that tax to the Charitable Gaming Division so that there is no loss in revenue. As you all know, they are cash funded out of that tax that is placed on the pickle and bingo cards as we levy it, the balance of which then flows into the General Fund.

PRESIDENT: Time. Senator Chambers, I wish to recognize you on the division of the question situation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members, those who are interest, if you'll turn to the Journal, on page 1450, you will see the way I would like to divide the question. They are listed with three capital letters, A, B, and C. Under capital letter A, would be Sections 1 and 2, and I would also add Section 9, which is the emergency clause that should be associated with the horse racing aspect. So, Sections 1 and 2 would deal with horse racing. Section 4 would be the second division, which deals with the local bingo tax. Then Sections 3 and 5, that deal with the pickle card tax, would be the third division. And that is the way I would like the Speaker to divide the question.

PRESIDENT: I don't see any problem with that, do you, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, no. Clearly the committee amendments are divisible. I would only ask that they be taken in the order of B, C and A. In other words, bingo, then pickles, and then the issue of the racing.

PRESIDENT: I see no problem with that, do you, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No.

PRESIDENT: Okay, we'll divide it then. Section B we'll take first, which will...number B we'll take first, which are Sections 4; and, second, we'll take Sections 3 and 5; and, thirdly, we'll take A, which is 1 and 2.