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already been adopted allows for a good gambling tax bill in LB 1055. I would urge the adoption of the last portion of the amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the third part of the divided question involving Sections 1, 2 and 9 of the committee amendments. All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the balance of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. To the bill, as amended, Senator Chambers. Excuse me. Senator Hall was...did you open earlier?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would just move advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Thank you. Senator Chambers, discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm looking at page 4 of the committee amendment in language which is not being amended. I'm going to read lines 8 through 13. "No minor shall be permitted to make any parimutuel wager and there should be no wagering except under the parimutuel method outlined in this section. Any person, association, or corporation who knowingly permits a minor to make a parimutuel wager shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor." Do I have an obligation, if I see a minor about to make a parimutuel wager, to stop that minor? Am I permitting the minor to do it if I don't stop the minor? Any person? So there I am and there's old Senator Kristensen just walking down the street as innocent as two newborn babes and here is some youngster about to make a wager and we don't stop the youngster. Class IV felony, or is it a misdemeanor, did I say, did the bill say? Class IV misdemeanor. Two criminals converted from honest persons to criminals. That doesn't make sense. So what I'm going to do is prepare an amendment to strike this section and I think that that would be a reasonable thing to do because it should not be my responsibility to determine what any minor is going to do. It would be different if they had phrased it to say that these various...you know, the person, association or whatsoever should not assist the person in making the wager or