

the fingerprinting issue. And Section 2 of the bill is on page 2 and it really is one of only two sections of the bill. It reads as this: "Any person applying for or holding a license to participate in or be employed at a race track meeting license by the State Racing Commission shall be subject to fingerprinting and a check of his or her criminal history record information maintained by the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purposes of determining whether the commission has a basis to deny the license application or to suspend, cancel, or revoke the person's license. The applicants or licensee's shall pay the actual cost of any fingerprinting or check of his or her criminal history record information. The requirements of this section shall not apply to employees of food or drink concessions who do not work in restricted-access areas and admissions employees whose duties involve only admissions ticket sales and verification or parking receipts sales and verification." Ladies and gentlemen, what this amendment does is strike the, what I would call the first step in, I guess, the George Orwellian process of making sure that big brother keeps track of every place we are, and we start that process by using the horse racing industry as the vehicle by which we argue that fingerprinting to look at someone's background just because they happen to be an employee of this industry, just because they grew up very likely in this industry, just because they work at a track, whether they be a high school individual who as a summer job, walks horses, whether they be an individual who grew up in the industry and is a smithy and shoes horses, whether they be an owner or a jockey who have as their profession the horse racing industry, we put a label on that and say that this is suspect. This industry is suspect to the point where we need to know whether they have a criminal history, what their background is, and we want to have fingerprints on file and we want to give them to the FBI. We want to make check and run through the FBI whether or not this individual is worthy to be allowed basically on the backside of a track. In other words, we don't worry about anybody who is working at the window in terms of taking in the money, we don't care if they have a criminal record. We don't care if the guy parking your car may have stole your car before, we don't need to fingerprint them, we need to fingerprint somebody who cleans out the barns for example, because we're worried about whether or not they may have access to the horses, may have access to the jockeys for, I guess, illegal purposes. This is the first step down the road that we'll say, okay, we don't want to do it just for the horse racing industry, we want to do it for, let's