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CLERK: Senator Hall would move to amend. Senator, I have AM855. (The Hall amendment appears on page 1431 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Speaker and members, the amendment, as passed out, is 855 and it has a large number 3 in the upper left-hand corner. What this amendment does is it lumps everybody in, puts the big boys in with the little boys. It puts the folks who oversee the track, who make decisions on who runs there, on when the dates are, where the money goes, how is it spent. It says those individuals who work in this area of gambling ought to have an FBI check run on them as well. So, in other words, this is what the amendment reads. It says any person involved in the administration or management of a race track, including the governing body, 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. And what that says is that if we're going to do the stable boy out back because they happen to work in that area and have potential to, I guess, fix a race, if you will, we want to see what their criminal history record is that I think it's only appropriate. I'll agree that the individual at the concession stand probably doesn't have much ability for that to take place but the folks who let these people run, in other words, give them the ability to come to the track, set the rules and regulations of the track, deal with the income from the track and govern the overall operation ought to have a criminal history record on them as well. Their fingerprints should be taken. What does that mean? It means that if I'm willing to say I want to run a race track, I ought to be willing to let my fingerprints be run through the FBI's operation to see what my criminal history is. I think it's an appropriate amendment and I would urge its adoption. Again, I would yield the balance of any time to Senator Smith.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith, you have about eight minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and this is why I'm not giving up my time. I guess that I would like to raise a question that has come to my mind, Senator Hall, and again I'm going to ask if you would yield to a question.