

miscellaneous receipts totaled \$469,988 in 1990. And this compares to \$660,878 in 1985, and then going on down. So what you see then is a drop of 29 percent since 1985 and this last year alone 12 percent. They have had increasing expenditures. I already mentioned a little bit about that to you. Between the years of '85 to '88, racing commission expenditures increased 6.1 percent which is an average of 1.5 percent each year and they gave you some figures there for amounts. A total increase of 26 percent compared to 1988 in 1989. This significant increase was due to the increased regulatory responsibility that we gave to them when we authorized simulcasting. In 1990, if fully funded, commission expenditures would have increased to \$569,650 and this increase is due to the addition of an official state veterinarian and veterinarian assistant as state employees. However, due to decreasing revenue, the commission reduced its expenditures from \$520,475 in 1989 to \$491,957 in 1990. And because of drastic declines in revenues, the commission has had to cut some staff and leave certain regulatory programs unfunded. They have had the increased responsibilities, as I mentioned to you, with the simulcasting of the thoroughbred races and the days of live racing and so that's been part of what this has been all about. The amendment then will do two things. This is the way we're trying to address the problem and it doesn't do everything they would like to have it do, quite honestly. They asked if we would allow them to take the parimutuel tax which was set to come back on again this next year and divert that fund to their budget. And I said I will not support doing that. And so what we've done is simply addressed for the short time now until the next...until next year when we can...we're going to look at this as an interim study and we're going to, if you will support this, help them to limp through. One of the things that he explained to me and he showed me was that they didn't pay their phone bill for seven months, trying to scrimp by, because they have the requirement, for one thing, that they have to keep so much money in the Cash Fund which is supposed to go to the...if they have a certain amount of money in there, they...it's supposed to go to the state...or the county fairs. They haven't been doing that for years anyway so here are the two things that my amendment will do. First, it increases the amount that the commission can carry forward in its Cash Fund for expenses before making distributions to county fairs. And we've raised that from \$5,000 which, by the way, hasn't been changed since, I think, 1935, to \$50,000. And this will enable the racing commission to cover its day to day expenses that way by having that money flow