

enforce rules and regulations governing horse racing and race meetings, provides for fingerprinting of individuals, provides for revocation or suspension of licenses. The amendment adds an entire new section dealing with funding of the racing commission. I think those are two separate issues and would challenge the germaneness of this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith, would you like to respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Just say that I...they do address a couple things that I believe makes it germane. Number one, it is the same section of the statutes. And, secondly, in any of our gambling bills that we have dealt with in the committee and on the floor, we deal with these issues and with fees in conjunction with them. Those are the only reasons I would have for substantiation of why I feel this is germane but I would...I would let you make that decision for us and if not, then I guess I would ask to overrule the Chair in an effort to try to still go ahead with the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, I am going to rule that it is germane, that it does...I think our rules do talk about logical and coming in sequence. I think that should I...if I would interpret this as not germane, I think we would be getting to a standard of extremely strict interpretation of our rules. I think our rules do allow for this so I am going to rule that it is germane. You may challenge if you are so inclined. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to challenge the decision of the Chair. I just...I'm interested in these types of issues because of the precedence that they set and we have fees raised that really have little or nothing to do with the other section of the bill. If that is the standard by which we're going to be judging germaneness during the final few weeks of the session, I think, you know, the precedent needs to stand, members of the body need to understand what it is. I will not be challenging the Chair.

SPEAKER BAACK: We are back to discussing the Smith amendment then. Senator Abboud. He waives off. Senator Schellpeper, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, I rise to support this amendment. I think it's an amendment