

proud of you as the Chairman of the Revenue Committee. But I don't think it would be quite right, even though we want to try to have some enforcement money there that we should ask one entity to pay the costs for all of the industry. And I'm going to remind you of something you just got through saying, how soon we forget. Do you remember LB 200, not too long ago when I was planning to amend a bill, on Select File, which would have increased the fees for the Racing Commission budget, and you said, along with some other people on the floor, and you reminded me that this had not had a public hearing, that it was poor policy for us to be trying to amend a bill on Select File. (Laugh.) Boo. And I'm just going to say the same thing back to you. I don't think it's appropriate. This has definitely not had a public hearing. And I think this is an excessive increase in a fee for anyone, no matter what reason, whether we need the money in the state and we have declining revenue or not. And for more than this reason I stand to oppose this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I once again rise in opposition to the Hall amendment. That's two for two, Tim. (Laughter.) This amendment, it's important to understand this, dealing with a different level of the pickle licensing chain. This is the manufacturers chain. People who manufacture pickle cards simply...they print the cards, they package the cards, they buy designs of cards from other people who do that sort of thing, and then they sell the cards to the distributors. A pickle manufacturer, in essence, is nothing but a printer. He's not engaged in gambling in any form, he does not deal directly with charities or sales agents, he simply is a producer of a paper product. We currently do license those manufacturers, as we should, and we charge them a license fee that Senator Hall is attempting to drastically increase. I think it's important, when we are looking at issues of this type, that we do engage in a rather lengthy discussion that this isn't something we probably ought to be doing at five minutes to five in the afternoon. As you recall, you may recall, we had a bill that I carried, actually on liquor penalties, earlier in the year. And there was an attempt, in that bill, to increase the penalties on Select File. And I think one of the arguments I used at that time was this probably isn't something we ought to be doing, without having it be proposed prior to committee hearings, without having gone through the committee process,