

was which was not given a public hearing this session.

SPEAKER BAACK: This would be a debatable motion since you did substitute. Senator Will, did you wish to debate it? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I just would like to have some assurance that...I mean, I've heard what Senator Chambers described and what his intention is. Could the Clerk read to us what is up there on the desk so that we know that's what it is?

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The amendment reads, Senator, on page 3, line 7 after the word "basis", strike the period and add, "Nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on sporting events."

SENATOR WITHEM: Let me ask Senator Chambers then how that constitutes a free-standing measure that will be voted on by the people at the...in the election? The other one had a lots of verbiage to it including a separate ballot language and other sorts of things?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and, Senator Withem, this is what I want in the record. The way I went up there and scratched it out, I may not have scratched out everything, and the way it was first written it was tied to that sentence. But I was scratching out all of that and there was one sentence which would say, "Nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit the..." and then the rest of the language, the Legislature from enacting legislation to regulate and license sports betting, and that is not to be added to that sentence.

SENATOR WITHEM: But...a follow-up question, Senator Chambers, if I could. I guess my feeble mind here is not comprehending how that makes it a separate...as I understand your intent, it would be in essence now three separate free-standing yes or no choices that the public would be able to make. I don't comprehend how the manner in which you have it drafted up there would accomplish the voters having that third separate choice on...can you explain that to me?