

amendments?

CLERK: Yes, Madam President, the next amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Johnson, one from last year, Senator, 1710. I understand you want to withdraw...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That's right.

CLERK: ..1710? Okay. I had, Madam President, two amendments pending from Senator Smith that were again offered last year.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone wish to take those two amendments up? Senator Schellpeper?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Let's pass over those until Select really.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Johnson would move to amend. Senator, AM2371. (See Senator Rod Johnson's amendment AM2371 on pages 198-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President and members. We just adopted an amendment that offered veto power to the tracks and also to the...well, to the organization representing a majority of the owners and trainers. This amendment also extends that veto power to the horse breeders. These are the Nebraska horse breeders who basically are the ones that produce the thoroughbreds here in Nebraska. They live here in Nebraska. They feel like they should have a say in the process. There is some overlap between these two organizations, between the owners and trainers and the breeders, but they're also distinct and would obviously like to be part of the negotiations that go into setting up this telephonic wagering system in Nebraska. That is all the amendment does. I know there's some concern about getting too many groups involved in having veto power, but this recognizes a group that actually resides here in Nebraska, that raises, breeds and raises these horses in Nebraska, and they feel like they have as much at stake with this program or at least want to have a say in how this program is shaped as the owners, the trainers, the tracks and anyone else who has veto power, so that is what this amendment does. It adds basically the words "association which represents the majority of