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Fair Park. Current state law says that if you didn't run...if you don't run 90 percent of the races that you ran in 1988, then the next year you are ineligible for interstate simulcasting. State Fair Park came in this year and asked for a reprieve from that. There was some initial opposition within other elements in the racing industry, but as Senator Schellpeper explained, that has been worked out. This would retain the 90 percent rule, but would say that for the two years covered, this year and next year, that the 90 percent rule would be waived, essentially. So we are with this amendment maintaining the integrity of live racing, while at the same time recognizing that because of some extenuating circumstances State Fair Park was unable to meet that requirement for a couple of years. So I would urge your adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Schellpeper? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the Schellpeper amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Schellpeper's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Robak would move to amend the committee amendments. (See AM2915 on pages 873-74 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. This amendment is currently in bill drafters right now. It was a mistake in drafting and it should be here any minute now. It is exactly the same as the language of LB 929, which was heard by the General Affairs Committee, and this amendment simply proposes that we extend the membership of the State Racing Commission from three to five members. And, currently, this commission is made up of three members, one from each Congressional District, no more than two members from the same political party, and members cannot be from the same county. Under this amendment, we would provide that the commission consist of five members with no more than two members from each Congressional District, and no more than three members from the