

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I rise in support of the Schellpeper amendment. As Senator Schellpeper explained, it does two things, both of which I think are wise additions to the legislation. The first thing it does is it codifies the fees that are charged the various racing personnel by the Racing Commission. Typically, when we have state fees we do set the level statutorily. That has not been the case in the area of racing. The Schellpeper amendment would do that. I think that's a good idea. If they need to have fees adjusted, it's probably a proper rule of the Legislature to have the Racing Commission come in and ask that those fees be adjusted and justify the increase. I assume they will be coming in for increases. And the second half of the amendment simply is a clarifying amendment as to exactly what handle is distributed to the Track Distribution Fund. The assumption all along has been that it's only the handle from live racing. As Senator Schellpeper explained, we had an Attorney General's Opinion that called that into question. This would simply clarify that it's only exotic wagers from live racing that are subject to the take-out to the Small Track Fund. I would urge your support for the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, would Senator Schellpeper yield to a question?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Sure, I would be glad to.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Schellpeper, does this involve anything dealing with quarter horse racing?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: This has nothing to do with quarter horse racing.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, so they're completely separate issues then as far as...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's a separate issue.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Lamb.