

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair, and members, I guess I would disagree with the answer Senator Schellpeper gave to Senator Abboud. It does have something to do with quarter horse racing because it changes the amount of money that goes into the Small Track Fund. As has recently been interpreted, the simulcast funds are also subjected to the Small Track Fund. So, with this amendment, it would reverse what has recently been ruled that simulcast would be included in the handle when the Small Track Fund is calculated. So, in that sense, it does have something to do with quarter horse racing. And I object to that. I object to that. I think we should...this body decided that small tracks should receive these funds and I hate to see us now say that small tracks should not receive the funds, that the big tracks will be the ones that survive rather than the small ones. And, hopefully, this amendment would not...that part of the amendment, of course, it's...I guess I will ask for a division of the question, Madam Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb, how would you like it divided?

SENATOR LAMB: I would like to divide it in that the second part of it where it says it would make clear that only the live racing handle, not including the simulcast handle, is applicable to determine the amount that is distributed pursuant to the Small Track Fund. That part of the amendment I would like to separate out.

CLERK: Senator, I don't...I don't see that. Can you identify a page number for me, perhaps, that would be, Senator, maybe page 4 of the amendment, lines 9 and 10?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, I believe that's correct.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper, do you have a comment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam Speaker...or Chairman and members, I don't think this needs to be divided. Senator Lamb is totally wrong. We are not trying to take any money that is not going there right now. There is no funds going to the quarter horse racing presently. He's wrong on that issue. This has been going to the Small Track Fund and I don't see any reason why we have to keep splitting all these amendments up. It's going to be a long afternoon or long morning if we keep doing this. Thank you.