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PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb, I will rule that they are divisible and, Senator Schellpeper, I would like your direction as to which portion you wish to take up first.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Let's take up the fees first, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we'll proceed then with debate on the fees portion of the Schellpeper amendment. Senator Schellpeper, you're up next, followed by Senators Abboud, Nelson and Will. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman. As I stated before, these fees are set by the Racing Commission. And this past year they came in and they raised all these fees. And so what we're attempting to do here, we're putting what they currently are into statute and if they want to come in and raise them again, they have to come back to the General Affairs Committee and state why they want to raise these fees without putting an undue hardship on the racetrack, the horse people and the people involved. And it's just like any other state agency is currently doing. So, with that, I would move the amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ABOUD: Would Senator Schellpeper yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Schellpeper, will any of these funds that we're talking about go into the quarter horse...to help quarter horses around the state?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: None of this money, as I said before, goes to quarter horse racing. Senator Lamb is wrong. This money does not go to quarter horse racing. This money goes...from these fees goes to set for the Racing Commission. That's how they operate, with these fees.

SENATOR ABOUD: All of the fees go into the Racing Commission to have them operate as a cash fund?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right. It's a totally cash operated fund.

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