

the amendment. At this point there may be some problems, I'm not sure. I'm not aware of it. I look at this as something being brought. There was a lot of controversy on the new members that were appointed to the Racing Commission last year and naturally everyone wants one in their area, so I suppose by adding more members then everybody will have one and I'm not sure there will be any better decisions made any more fairly, decisions based on fairness or equity or the good for the Racing Commission and where there is a study coming up this summer, let's sit back and look at it and I hope that you defeat the amendment again as was done the other day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Madam Speaker and members of the body, no, my bill was heard in committee but it was not killed in committee. It was just held in committee and it is still there, and I think Senator Hartnett made a good argument on the floor. I think five people brings greater credibility for a commission, so why wait for greater accountability to the commission? And, Senator Schellpeper, do you know the fiscal note on my amendment? I mean you're talking about how expensive it is, I mean, you know...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I didn't catch the question, so...

SENATOR ROBAK: You talked about how expensive it would be to add two more members to the Race Commission. Can you tell me how much greater that fiscal impact would be with two more members since they are not paid?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well they do have expenses. Once we do this study this summer, we will know what they actually...

SENATOR ROBAK: Well you don't have to do a study if you believe your newspaper reporters because it says there was misuse of commission funds, especially reimbursement of employee...among other things. I mean, so there's some loss of credibility right there and I just think that the magnitude of this bill that has taken this long, I mean, it's not an innocuous bill certainly and I don't think there should be three members on any commission. It doesn't give you much...two people could just run the whole thing and if they're not credible as you say some of them could not be, I'm not saying that they aren't, but that shoots your whole thing and I support my amendment and I ask for