

March 6, 1975

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 368A (read title).

Mr. President, I move for the introduction of the attached bill. Signed, Senator Schmit. This is request number 745 relating to the State Racing Commission. To provide that certain duties may be delegated to the Board of Stewards. To repeal the original section.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, on request 745 for the introduction of a bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move for the introduction of the bill. I'd like to ask Senator Simpson, who requested the committee to introduce the bill, explain the need and necessity for the bill and its urgency.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I asked for this bill to be introduced. One of the Stewards, Jack Ketter, came to me and told of the problem that they had, because of a ruling by the Attorney General, that the rules and regulations, under which the State Racing Commission worked cannot be delegated, according to his opinion, to the Stewards. Now on any one racing day you have all of the Stewards working a track, but maybe only one member of the Board there. If a problem comes up that must be settled immediately, then they have to go to the telephone and make a poll of all the members or a conference call and decide this question which could be easily, if we pass this bill, done by the Stewards. Then we leave the safeguard in that the decision of the Stewards then could be appealed to the Commission, or the Commissioners themselves could review the decision and change it if they so wished. We leave a safeguard, but still it allows the tracks to be run efficiently. This has the approval of the State Racing Commission. The lawyer for Ak-Sar-Ben is interested in this and thinks it's good. The Stewards wish it. I would ask two things. First, introduce the bill. Secondly, that we might put it on General File and pass it as quickly as possible so it would still help in the racing meet now going on at Ponner Park.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Oh, I was just going to ask a question of the Chair relative to this debate. Whatever happened to Senator Skarda's motion, the other day, that we were going to take up to some place along the line cut-off introducing bills?

PRESIDENT: There was no motion made. It was a gratuitous suggestion, made in good faith. I don't see how you can pass a rule that's contrary to your rules.

SENATOR SYAS: I just wanted to ask the question.

CLERK: He withdrew the motion.