

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just simply have a small amendment that I would like to add to this bill and it only affects Ak-Sar-Ben. I guess I had a problem in the Revenue Committee when we heard this bill and I read something in the World Herald that I guess I have a...I guess in the Legislature there is two types of gambling, good gambling and bad gambling. I guess I represent a city that has bad gambling and so simply my amendment would simply not allow, and there is an amendment being passed out to you, not allow minors to enter the race track. In other words, I think Ak-Sar-Ben has gone with a plan to allow 12 years old into the race track and my amendment is simply to leave that at age 16. I guess I don't know what the rationale for this action on the part of Ak-Sar-Ben is but I think my thinking is that it is just too young for students to be or children to be around gambling so that is simply my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Pappas is next, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Chronister, his daughter, Janet Casuscelli, and granddaughter, Kimberly, from Sioux City. They are under the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Vard Johnson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Just a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think that Senator Hartnett's...I would object to Senator Hartnett's amendment being offered at this time to this bill on the grounds of germaneness.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: LB 1041 is a tax bill, a wagering bill, and a race date bill. It does not establish social policy for the tracks.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett, did you wish to respond to that?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, I think it amends the same section of the bill, Senator Johnson. so I guess I would question your action.