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association recommended that, that be stricken and so the committee did follow that recommendation and strike the section of the bill that did, that dealt with the number of the races that had to be run, because they felt that should not be in the statutes, that should be part of the negotiation between the thoroughbred racing industry and the track, so the bill came into committee as an agreed upon bill, there was no opposition to the bill, the amendments merely did that which the introducer and the association wanted done, and I move the bill be advanced to E&R.

SPEAKER: The motion is to advance the bill, we will need to adopt the committee amendments. Is there any further discussion on committee amendments, all those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered the committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President the introducer has some amendments on it. Read.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I move adoption of the amendment. This amendment is my own idea that I got and took directly from a Federal bill which Senator Steiger from Arizona has introduced into our Federal Congress, and we have a problem with people who are not the best type of characters getting into the business of horse racing, and making fictitious statements and so on, as to the breeding or records and so on of horses and I thought this would be a good idea to put it into the Nebraska law, it has very severe teeth, and hopefully we can keep these people from our tracks in Nebraska and had hoped that we could adopt the amendment, so moved.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the, Senator Simpson's amendment? Senator Dickinson did you wish to be recognized, we are speaking on the amendment.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Will Senator Simpson yield to a question please?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yeah.

SPEAKER: Simpson yield, he will.

SENATOR DICKINSON: This was the bill originally I presume presented to you by people interested in the registered thoroughbred horse business, now this amendment did this come from the same source, or did it come from the effect that it was your own idea.

SENATOR SIMPSON: The amendment is my own idea, from reading Senator Steiger's bill in the Federal Congress.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I'm a little concerned that an amendment like this would be put in without having consulted these people who are vitally interested in this bill as a whole.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I'm sure that people that are in the industry and are raising horses have no objection to this.

SENATOR DICKINSON: But you have not asked them so.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Not directly, no.