

April 2, 1980

LB 939

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: (mike not turned on immediately.) ... Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. I guess I will carry this bill. There are some committee amendments and I will explain the committee amendments. The one is to repeal the sunset law section of the State Racing Commission so that the commission will not expire and add the needed emergency clause. The bill drafters actually made a mistake by not putting this on. Two, the 20% tax on the admission price was dropped and replaced with a straight thirty cents head admission tax. This is double what it is now. Three, section 5 was dropped. It deals with the Revenue Department auditing the companies that do the computer work for the tracks. Now this was to avoid duplication in the sunset review of the Revenue Department and, four, language in section 4 was rearranged for easier reading with no change in substance and, five, sets up the statutes, the existing Racing Commission's cash fund. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as explained by Senator Sieck in regard to LB 939. All those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carries. The committee amendment is adopted. What is the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Sieck now moves to amend the bill and the first amendment is on page 824 of the Journal. That is the one, Senator, that says, strike original section 6.

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, Mr. President, members of the body, as far as the amendments that I am representing to the committee is deleting section 6 which allows the monies to be divided, two thirds to the counties equally and one third according to population. The fifteen cents license fees in '79 brought \$15,000 and in 1980 with thirty cents will bring about \$30,000. The 1979 admission tax brought \$184,000 and with the new changes in 1980 the amount will be \$368,000. Then the other license in miscellaneous revenues are about the same which will bring in about \$527,000, in the 1980 projection with the cost of administration of about \$200,000 which would leave about \$327,000. On an equal amount per county basis it would be about \$3,500 in 1980 where it was only \$1,360 in '79. Now if we go to a two thirds, one third