

motion or else the feeling will be that they wasted their time, and those who paid them will feel they wasted their money. All of you have been contacted on these two amendments to oppose them. I actually think they are valid and good and I'm sorry to see that they are being opposed. I am offering them on behalf of the Performance Review and Audit Committee that did the sunset review. The first one is nothing but a reflection of policy that I think is a desirable policy. It has nothing to do...makes no substantive change whatsoever. Currently the stewards for the tracks, there is three of them, all are appointed by the Racing Commission. One is considered a direct employee and is paid. The other two are appointed by the commission but are directly paid by the tracks and the committee felt when they reviewed this that it was inappropriate since the stewards are the ones who are doing the safeguarding supposedly, for the operation representing the state, it was inappropriate that they were directly paid by the tracks and it would be more appropriate if the tracks were charged by the commission for those people and then in turn, paid by them and that is all it did. It does not make any other change. The other amendment is a little broader scope, one of trying to get broader representation on the board and all it would do is expand the Racing Commission from three to five members. The rationale for it are two or three things. A three member board is easily dominated. Five would give a little better balance. Secondly, we now have at least two quarter horse tracks in the state, another possible one starting up this year and perhaps another one after that and some representation of that interest would seem reasonable and desirable as well. I am sure you all understand the issue so I will not discuss it any longer and move that we vote. It is, by the way, a good amendment even though it is not noncontroversial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish the floor?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the Sunset Committee's amendment to LB 939 and particularly as it would expand the number of people that would be on the Racing Commission from three to five. I would tell you of one experience that I had with the Racing Commission regarding the implementation of Sunday racing rules and regulations. I called each one of the three members of the commission, what had they done about instituting rules and regulations to find out whether they were going to have statewide Sunday racing or not and each one of them, there was a lady down near Republican City, Mr. Fudge and Mr. Farnam, told me individually that there was no sentiment on the commission for Sunday racing, that each member felt that there should not be Sunday racing. It is interesting to note how come