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did take just one minute.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, Mr. President, it seems...and Senator Schmit may, in fact, be right that with regards to... since it was his amendment that I understand that he introduced on Select File, it just seemed appropriate that we ought to discuss this issue on Select File again. The racing industry didn't feel the need for a public hearing, the normal process, and so on. They like to do these things quickly and quietly perhaps. But I think that there is a need to look at this and I don't think the priorities in the state should be saving the small race tracks at the expense of education, and yet that seems to be exactly what a number of Senators here advocate. There are many major issues facing us, many things that we should act on in time and yet it seems the only thing yet this session that I have seen any discernible panic about is this bill, that suddenly this is the only thing everybody is agitated about, saving the race track. Now it seems to me that this probably, although it may be a priority in certain parts of the state, isn't the only priority we would address. I think that it is appropriate to restore things back to the way they were before the Schmit amendment, then Senator Schmit could follow his own advice and introduce a bill and have a public hearing as it should have been done. So I would move for adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Fowler amendment. All those in favor will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Fowler's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. Now the question before the House is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. Opposed. The bill is advanced. We will go now to 705 where we left off.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to 705, there was an amendment adopted this morning by Senator Carsten. Senator Nichol now has an amendment. I believe copies have been distributed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, this is the bill we were talking about before lunch and you will recall that Senator Carsten put an amendment on, and we are talking about interest rates