

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I don't think you would either, nor Fonner Park, nor Columbus, nor Atokad. I think that the committee amendments are responsible, and with that, I am going to sit down and ask your support for the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 154. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please vote on the motion before you which is the adoption of committee amendments to LB 154. The Chair would ask the attention of Senators, wherever you are, ask for your vote on the motion before the house which is the adoption of the Revenue Committee amendments to LB 154. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments to LB 154.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. What is on the desk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway. Now we are back to the motion to advance which is debatable. Senator Chambers, are you wanting recognition? Senator Conway, I think maybe go ahead and explain the bill and we will give you ten minutes.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think that most of the bill is explained because now the committee amendments as they are attached pretty well describe the process by which we are attempting to provide some reenforcement for the industry in light of the influx of competition that has come to light just in recent times. We are in a situation where the small tracks are covered with these amendments. Like I say, I originally asked for a \$7.5 million exemption which would allow both Columbus and Atokad to survive. It allows them to develop some activity prior to the taxation function and, therefore, they would be covered with the amendment attached. Along with that, it also gives a bit of a break, and again it isn't near what the industry asked for, but it does give a bit of a break to the larger tracks including the Ak-Sar-Ben and Fonner Park situations. So it does give them a bit of a break. That is pretty well going to be washed out by virtue of the racing