

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I so move.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to readvance LB 154. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Machine vote requested? Did I hear that? Machine vote. All those in favor of readvancing LB 154 vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 4 nays on the motion to readvance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely, you had that other amendment printed, Senator. Senator Wesely, you want to withdraw your other amendment, right?

SENATOR WESELY: (Response inaudible.)

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. The specific amendment would be to strike "4 percent" and insert "3 percent."

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Jerome Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I indicated I would offer this, even though the four was adopted in order to more clearly explain the situation. Under the 3 percent, because we're making an assumption that the elimination of any general fund money for State Fair operational costs will be stricken from this point forward, there is some justification from dropping from four to three to make up, in part, that loss of revenue. Unfortunately, as I indicated earlier, the contracts that all the tracks have are of a nature that the reduction in the tax, half of the cost goes...or half of the reduction in dollars are added to the purse. So in the Fair's case, with the tax at 4 percent, they in fact pay, based on last year's handle, about 47,000 less in taxes. But they are also, if the appropriation package is adopted, will be reduced by 108,000 in general fund appropriation. Half of that 47,000 of reduced taxes goes to the horsemen. So they really net 23,000, and 23 from 108, you end up with about a \$83,000 reduction in their overall receipts. To offset that, at least leave them even, 3 percent at the rate would do it.