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Recognising the evil of gambling, and the part it plays in the general crime rate in our state, Mr. Bryant has consistently opposed any extension of gambling. He has not voted to abolish pari-mutuel gambling but in every session he has voted to tax them heavily.

He has voted to prevent the use of the wire services for racing information thus helping curtail illegal gambling. He voted for bills which would: prohibit legislators from representing a holder of a race track permit; prohibit the use of lotteries; make ticket scalping a misdemeanor; prohibit gambling in hotels and set up penalties for giving bribes in athletic contests.

He voted to allow the Hotel and Restaurant Commission to revoke the license of hotels and restaurants which allow gambling on their premises.

Significant in his leadership in taxing the gamblers was the bill he introduced in 1955 which would tax unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets. He ofcourse voted for

the bill which made possession of a gambling stamp prima facie evidence of violation of the state anti-gambling laws. He also voted to add one additional day to race meets for use of the state scholarship fund.

He believes in a fair and equitable distribution of ownership of race tracks, thus prohibiting a small syndicate from controlling the entire system. Significant in this respect is a bill which he voted for, limiting permits to be issued to a single person or cooperation, and the bill establishing a rotation system, for horse racing dates.

In order to assure honesty within the racing commission, he voted for the bill which requires that the commission must keep its records open to the public at all time.

Mr. Bryant realizes that such a stand in favor of honest administration of pari-mutuel and strict enforcement of the anti-gambling laws will mean that the illegal gambling elements will not support him in this election. However, they have always opposed him and he does not need that kind of support.

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1947	HB 481	Racing; No permit within 100 miles of present permitted location	Yes	Died
1947	HB 329	Horse racing; 3 in 100 mile radius only	Yes	Law w/o
1947	HB 133	Gambling, and bribes in contests	Yes	Died
1947	HB 590	Public Utilities, control over bookies-	Yes	Died
1947	HB 620	Racing; time limit on harness meets, fixes taxes on pari-mutuel pool on harness	Yes	Died
1947	HB 1223	Race Track Funds; Payment of directly to City rather than through state trans.	Yes	S. G.
1949	SB 944	Race Tracks; Scholarship fund, enlarges section of law, maximum length of race meetings; 1 additional day	Yes	S. G.
1949	HB 8-X	Pari-Mutuel; provides that tracks with average daily pools of less than \$23,000 pay daily license fee of \$500	Yes	S. G.
1949	SB 419	Racing permits; Cancels certain permits 5 years non use	Abs.	S. G.
1949	HB 985	Public Streets; Closes streets and alleys which are used for race track purposes-Yes		S. G.
1949	HB 849	Horse Racing; quarter running horse race meeting allowed in certain situations	Yes	S. G.
1949	HB 91	Lottery; chain letters declared to be	Yes	S. G./ Signed
1949	HB 443	Racing; Concerns horse race track regulations and permits (3 tracks in 100 mi)	No	Died
1949	HB 259	Scalping; ticket scalping made a misdemeanor; amends law	Yes	Died
1949	HB 194	Hotels and Gambling; prohibits gambling on premises	Yes	Died

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1949	HB 145	Gambling; prohibits private wire service for gambling purposes	Yes	Signed
1951	SB 9	Gambling; penalties for engaging in species of gambling known as bookmaking	Yes	S. G.
1951	SB 10	State Racing Commission; Records open at all times for inspection by public	Yes	S. G.
1951	SB 415	Private wire service; Amends Subsection of 1, 4 & 8 of Ch 5016, Laws of Florida Acts of '49, relating to private wire	Yes	S. G.
1951	HB 1128	Legislator; unlawful for to represent holder of a race track permit	Yes	Died
1951	HB 1000	Prohibits sale, lease or distribution of coin operated machines	Yes	Died
1951	HB 1680	Race Tracks; extends time of construction of, if east of Apalachicola River	-Yes	S. G.
1951	SB 4	Racing; race permits, suspension or revocation	Yes	S. G.
1951	HB 945	Racing Commissioners; expenses of	Yes	Died
1951	HB 170	Gambling; Regulation of public utilities furnishing information by private wire service for	Yes	S. G.
1951	HB 169	Gambling; making it unlawful to print information to further	Yes	Veto
1951	HB 167	Gambling; loss of beverage and hotel license for allowing	Yes	Signed
1951	HB 52	Lotteries; imprisonment mandatory upon conviction	Yes	Signed
1951	HB 48	Racing; limiting permits to one person or corporation	Yes	Died

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1951	HM 4	Racing information; request Congress to pass law forbidding transmission of	Yes	S. G.
1953	HB 554	Bribery in Athletic contests, penalty	Yes	Law w/o
1953	HB 281	Gambling investigations, wire tapping	Yes	Died
1953	HB 331	Gambling; forfeiture of money & prizes	Yes	Law w/o
1953	HB 397	Horse & Dog Racing; additional pool tax	Yes	Signed (oo)
1953	HB 722	Horse Race Tracks; graduated daily license Fee	Yes	S. G.
1953	HB 905	Gambling; restaurants revocation of license for	Yes	S. G.
1953	HB 30	Gambling stamp, prima facia evidence of	Yes	Signed
1953	SB 557	Horse racing dates; rotation system	Yes	S. G.
1955	SB 284	Pari-Mutuel pools; excise taxes	Yes	S. G.
1955	HB 566	Dog Track, daily license Fee	Abs.	Signed
1955	SB 24	Pari-Mutuel pools; breaks law	Yes	S. G.
1955	HB 302	Tax; unclaimed pari-mutuel tickets (Introduced)	Yes	Made Law
1955	HB 1389	Reinstatement of race track permits issued subsequent to Dec. 15, 1949, providing that permittees construct race track	No	S. G.
1951	SB 13	Hotel Commission to revoke license of hotels which allow gambling	Yes	S. G.