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statute? I think this bill is almost preposterous in what it purports to get us into in terms of the kinds of things we can expect to come before this Legislature, if we start this precedent of micromanaging the details of contracts made by state agencies. In the one instance, it says that at least 6 percent of lottery tickets...at least 6 percent of the proceeds will go to retailers. Well, right now in the law we leave it to the director of the lottery agency to decide what is the appropriate percentage to go to the retailers, what is fair in terms of reimbursing them in particular circumstances for the work that they do. And right now that decision has been that they get 5 percent, not 6 percent. So why are we putting something in the law that says, you shall get at least 6 percent? Forcing 1 percent higher, it just seems to me entirely inappropriate to be doing that by statute, unless there...it's been proven that there is some enormous problem here. The second thing that it does is along the same kinds of lines, indicating that at least 15 percent of the dollar amount of the lottery proceeds will go to the...will go to the Education Fund and the Environmental Trust Fund. That particular figure was set in statute, but who is to say that that's too high or too low? I think we should leave it to the director and to the experts in the field who have been dealing with this matter to determine when and at what time they think it's appropriate to do this. I don't think this bill is coming from the lottery and the lottery directory people. So, if at some point in time there is some strong evidence that there is a need for that second provision, then we could certainly take a look at that, too. But I don't think, for example, simply because the amount of money being bet on the lottery...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is decreasing, that that's anything that anybody didn't expect. That was evidenced before we even...there was evidence, long before we even established the lottery, that the pattern of lotteries was for the total betting pool to decrease after the first year. And that decrease has itself decreased over time, so it will probably stabilize in another year or two. I don't think that that figure, in and of itself, for any reasons, indicates that we should come in and, in one fell-swoop, change, from 25 percent to 15 percent, the