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changes. It's a rather lengthy amendment. I think Senator Janssen and his committee, General Affairs Committee, has had access to this amendment and understands how it would apply. I just wanted to stand and try to answer any questions you might have and also, by the way, I forget, it also includes the Smith amendment which accesses money not being used for compulsive gambling funds. I think the same time we talk about this kind of an issue we have to, and I congratulate him and his supporters for suggesting that this be part of this bill. The amendment also includes, Section 2 of the amendment, the Smith amendment, which...which was I think AM2421 to LB 1241, but that provides for monies for the compulsive gambling folks who have problems as a result of...as the result of this activity. It provides then the keno and then also the pickle card language, original language in LB 659. With that, I'll try to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Mr. Clerk, item to the...

CLERK: Senator Jensen would move to amend the Lynch amendment with AM3290, Mr. President. (AM3290, Legislative Journal page 1603.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, first of all, with this session being what it is and time tables that we're under, it's interesting to me that this issue would come back. I realize, yes, you can have a second shot at that, but we did debate this once before and now it's back in front of us again. And I...I want to tell you that the...the road that we're going on this concerns me a great deal, and the amendment that I have offered really strips everything out of the bill with the exception of the compulsive gambling dollars. It's interesting that if you had an airline and if 5 percent of your passengers crashed and burned your airline would not be in existence very long, and that's exactly what happens as we expand gambling, that the closer it gets to the individual, the more it becomes available, that there are statistically about 5 percent of the individuals who will become