

that we can expand it to something else when the funds start to dry up with whatever the people get used to for a while to meet the competition. Now we're going to put money in to also try to cure those who get addicted. Kind of a sad commentary today, as I think about it, from where I started this morning when I left home. Actually it's been an excellent review of what we're doing. I understand it's popular. In fact, I told several people that I would probably vote to put it on the ballot. You all have convinced me today not to. But we will proceed and see what happens, but there isn't the slightest doubt in my mind, as I'm sure there probably isn't in anybody's mind, that all the great expectations of gambling are simply not going to be fulfilled and we're simply going to venture into another route of, along with other states, of generating an activity on the part of people with the hope of a crop that they, most of them, will never harvest, of quick riches and I...I will vote for the...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...Abboud amendment now. I suspect though that the 1 percent should be made substantially higher.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Nelson, on the Abboud amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, will be supporting Senator Abboud. I think if you look at the statistics, about 5 percent of the people become very addicted to gambling, as much so as any other thing. It first starts out with alcohol and then it goes to the gambling. And Senator Warner said it just exactly right, we shouldn't bury our heads in the sand. And, again, the standing up and reading this morning of how for a few cents a day and we don't get this junk. I got that junk through the mail, excepting I didn't respond to it. And that, in itself, made my vote a definite probably or tended to a definite negative this morning. And I thought to myself, well, if we legislators can be misled so easy that we should know better. We get all of this material. We know what it is. And for the state to be again promoting gambling, because if you talk to a legislator from Iowa or California or Ohio, they will tell you, don't go down that road, we got started once and there is no reversing. So I do support Senator Abboud's amendment, except I think it should be closer to 5 percent instead of 1 percent. In fact, I'm sure it should be at least 2 percent to go ahead and