

out with everyone involved. So on July 1, 1995, the Department of Public Institutions would assume the obligation of the performance of all contracts entered into by the Commission on Compulsive Gambling. So there will no longer be a commission, it will go to the Department of Public Institutions. They currently have the facility to handle it there, and so that's basically what the committee amendments do. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Pedersen, followed by Senator Hartnett on the committee amendment.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. As Senator Schellpeper said, the committee amendments do take over the entire bill. So I'm going to talk a little bit on the committee amendments and then we can probably not have to talk so much on the bill. Presently, the Division on Compulsive Gambling is under the Department of Revenue. There is a commission and that commission distributes the money that comes into that department by grants to those areas who have put in their grants and are...have the best grants and awarded through a normal grant process. This bill moves the Division of Compulsive Gambling and the commission, the entire commission, to the Department of Institutions under the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and changes the name of Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services. It also puts in criteria and a certification process for those people who want to be counselors in the area of compulsive gambling. At this time I am not a compulsive gambling counselor, I'm a substance abuse counselor, and I will have to be certified under this division in the area of compulsive gambling as I am for substance abuse counseling. So it doesn't cut any corners. At the present time we have no certification process for compulsive gamblers in the State of Nebraska. The Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and Addiction Services will set up criteria for this and will certify counselors in this area. This brings it basically all under the Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services, brings it all together where their mission would be quite a bit the same. The bill also has in it that not more than 10 percent, which is right now in the statute, that they can't use more than 10 percent of it for administration, and it definitely says that they cannot use gambling resources for anything like the alcohol and drug programs. It has to be used for compulsive gambling programs. If there is any questions,