

March 22, 1995

LB 275

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Bernard-Stevens amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I would withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Anything else on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker, I would move to advance LB 275 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. Discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Pedersen, if I may, a couple of questions with regard to the intent of a certain aspect of the bill. I understand from the reading materials that this bill is primarily about gambling and about gambling as an addiction and as a compulsive disorder, and there are definitions in the bill relating to gambling and to that particular disorder. But there is also language in here talking about individuals with other compulsive disorders resulting from addiction, language referring to other addiction services and there is really no definition in the bill as to what those other addiction services may be or what may be a compulsive addiction other than those that are defined in the bill. And so what I wanted to ask you, and I'm asking you because I guess I'm in favor of expanding the jurisdiction, so to speak, of this agency, but take smoking for example. I assume that smoking is certainly a compulsive disorder resulting from addiction. Would you agree with that or not?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I agree, that's right.