

Senator Pedersen would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. Senator, your amendment is on page 2030 of the Journal. (See AM1854.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this being my priority bill, because it had a fiscal note on it, we had not got back to it until some of the budget bills were going through. We have to bring it back from Final Reading because in the original state of the bill it said that we...that I wanted to make sure that we did not use more than 10 percent of the profits for administration. However, we've doubled the job of administration and we don't have enough money coming in our Compulsive Gambling Fund right now to be able to run any kind of administration. So what this amendment does is put a cap at \$50,000 that they can spend a year for administration until we have enough income coming that we can switch to the 10 percent and then use...then keeping the left over 90 percent for direct services to them. If there's any questions about it, I would be more than glad to answer them for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Pedersen, would you explain what your bill does? And I'm going to look for your amendment on page 2030.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes. This bill, itself, moves the Division on Compulsive Gambling, the commission...and the commission, from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Institutions, putting them under...in with the same department of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. And it will change the name from the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse under DPI to the Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services. It takes the money, this is not General Fund money, it transfers the money from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Institutions to run the business on that. This amendment is nothing more than...my bill said that they can't use more than 10 percent of it for administration, Senator Chambers, but we can't live on 10 percent because the...my bill also sets up a criteria to certify counselors in the area of compulsive gambling and then to go ahead and certify them also.