

no. I have done a little bit but not by any means. I will be attending school for that this summer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you supported gambling bills down here, bills that would increase the amount of gambling or make it more easily available?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes, I have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you knew at the time that you supported that legislation that people would become compulsive gamblers?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Chambers, the numbers are already there. We have the problem with the neighboring states with no money to treat them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's not what I asked you, Senator Pedersen. When you were supporting these gambling bills, with your background in counseling, did you know that there would be more compulsive gamblers brought into existence as a result of the increased legalized gambling? Did you know that?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Did I know we were going to get more compulsive gamblers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: No, we already had the compulsive gamblers here.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You must have some in order to use the comparative more. So we know there were some. If you would rather not answer the question because I can see where it's embarrassing, that's just (interruption).

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Well, it's not embarrassing to me. I don't know exactly what you're asking. The compulsive gamblers have been here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that as you make more gambling available to more people there will be more compulsive gamblers?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: There may be a few but there is a definite