

percentagewise that reaches the saturation point and I think Nebraska is probably already there now. I don't have them numbers for you, Senator Chambers, but I could get them for you. There's a certain amount of numbers, like alcoholism, 10 percent of the population is addicted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that's just a generalized statement not talking about any concrete existing individuals, so I'm talking about it in a generalized sense, in a way. Based on your experience, you're prepared to tell me that increased legalized gambling...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...will not produce any additional compulsive gamblers.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: No, there will be some, without a doubt.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why didn't you just say that in the first place?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, he took up all my time. (Laughter.) Now I...now I can have a little discussion without going into that. I believe more compulsive gamblers will come into being, Senator Pedersen, as a result of the expansion of gambling. The thing that is troubling to me is that people with full knowledge will vote in favor of a societal evil, but before I use my choice of language to characterize Senator Pedersen or anybody else's opinion about compulsive gambling, I would like to ask Senator Pedersen a question, which I hope he can answer in less than three and a half minutes.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I'll try.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, do you think that compulsive gambling is a societal good?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: No.