

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think it's an evil, not like from the devil but something that is harmful to the individual who is caught in its clutches?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes, especially for those.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will it lead them maybe to make use of money for gambling purposes which ought to go for other more worthwhile and necessary purposes, such as food, clothing, shelter and so forth?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Without a doubt.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are these people who are called compulsive gamblers similar to people with a sickness and they actually don't have the ability that the rest of us who are not compulsive gamblers would have to resist gambling?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, knowing those things, you voted to increase gambling, didn't you?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You voted in favor of producing more societal evil, didn't you?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I didn't see it that way, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you knew that was the result, didn't you?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I...right, that's just like me saying that I build a Molotov cocktail, I light the wick, I throw it into a building but I do not will it to catch fire and burn up the building. So you knew this. Why did you vote for increased gambling when you, with your expertise and counseling experience, knew that it was going to produce a social evil?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Again, Senator Chambers, because I figured...I feel and I really believe that the gambling is already here and I was hoping that when this bill if the compul...if the gambling bills were to pass that we would see