

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. ; Senator Pedersen, your light is next.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Crosby, I understand your feelings and I needed to state, when you were talking, that there is already a director of compulsive gambling there, but it is...it is asking for to set up more people in that department and moving it under department, and I did want you to be aware of that. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had given my reasons for opposing this on the other time around, and I am not going to repeat those reasons, but I remain opposed to it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, your light is last.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the body, I also rise in opposition to the reconsideration. I gave my reasons also. One of the problems that I have, and I guess I need to ask Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Pedersen, if you would respond.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Pedersen,...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...as the gambling increases, and I understand that is what it is going to do, do you envision that it is going to take more than the \$50,000, or will we be talking next year about adding more people on in order to take care of more people who become obsessed with gambling?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I do not envision it costing more until the income raises to the point that they can live on the 10 percent, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And then if...if the amount of gambling, because of hard times goes down, then what happens? We stay at the 50,000 or...