

Mr. Pedersen a question, please.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Pedersen, would you respond.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: This money that you are talking about to be transferred, if this money is not transferred, where will those dollars be spent if you don't spend them?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: There is no money there if it doesn't transfer to be spent. Senator Cudaback, do you mean the money that is there now? We had a 10 percent, say, a lid on it, but 10 percent they can't live on. So we had to raise the lid to \$50,000 because we are adding some staff to do the setting up the criteria and certification of counselors, which we do need in this state very badly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There is money there or you could not transfer that money.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That is right, that money is already there.

SENATOR CUDABACK: But where will those dollars be spent if you do not get them? Where would those dollars be spent?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: They could be spent by the commission. There is already a commission, and there is already a director in place. And it would be spent on that, and what money is left over is sent out to...by people put in for grants, and it is granted to those people who work with compulsive gamblers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: But back to Senator Crosby's question, will the money be spent, or will it be saved, or will it be, whatever? If you do not get it, will these dollars go someplace else?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: It would probably be built up, and if there is somebody there to hand out the money to the agencies, yes, they would put in for grants, and they could give the money out to them people, yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: But the dollars will be spent on that program no matter if it comes to your program, or if it stays where it is currently, the dollars will be spent. They will not be