

utilized for the general budget, as we see it?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes, but under my bill, you need to realize we do not have any counselors that are certified by the state, in the State of Nebraska. We won't have any counselors to deliver this service if we don't set up criteria and certify the counselors for it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess the question I'm trying to get to, that money will be spent, no matter what. The money will be spent.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Spent or saved, yes, in the compulsive gambling field, that is right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: In that particular field, and you are thinking you can utilize it better, more efficiently, your way than the way it would be spent if you didn't have your way? Right?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I am not sure I understand, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You are thinking you can more efficiently use those, that 180,000, or whatever, the 1 percent, more efficiently than currently being used, correct?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I will say correct, yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess we are trusting you. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator, Madam...Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Pedersen, you had said that these...this activity cannot be carried out under 10 percent of an amount because that constitutes only \$18,000. Is that what you said?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, what is that amount of which 10 percent equals 18,000? What amount of money is that?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That is...the 1 percent is 180...there is