

River, and a lot of them go gambling, but I got elected to come down here to make a decision and I'll make the decision, and I'll take the heat, whatever it is, because I know there are a lot of people for it, and there are a lot of people against it. But maybe we should have like we are doing on the...that we are giving Senator Withem the opportunity along with the Executive Board to pick five bills, maybe we ought to pick five bills and let the public vote on them. They could still go out...all of those lobbyists out there, they could get together and run an initiative petition. They have got a whole army of them out there. I am sure they are smiling when I say that, but they can run an initiative petition. They could get 90,000 signatures and put it on the ballot, if that's what they want, and they probably will do that if this goes down, and I hope it does go down. Senator Hilgert talks about the VFW clubs and the American Legion clubs, if we ever did have gambling, I'd certainly support that, but I don't support it now. I don't think we need...I just don't think we need it. A senator came up to me a few moments ago and he says, you know, it's a black hole; gambling is a black hole. And he is right, gambling is a black hole. They had an article in the World-Herald, they were interviewing a counselor that works with compulsive gamblers, and I am sure all of you heard it, but let's talk about it some more. At what point does gambling become a problem? It is when people start to expend...exceed their fun money, and use the rent money. They begin to gamble more to get even. They've always got to get even. A good example of that is the former commissioner in Omaha, and he did it on keno. It's got to be one of the dumbest games that was ever invented. Of course, I do that, too, when I buy a Powerball ticket after it gets up to around 75 or 80 million, so I can dream for a few days and then lose my buck. How is this harmful? The question is how is this harmful? People start falling down on their part of their relationships. Think about that. All of a sudden the money isn't there to pay the utilities. I don't know if the guy from Omaha was gambling, the MUD board, didn't pay his gas bill for six months, maybe he did. This can be devastating. The bond of trust is shattered. People stuck into compulsive gambling are five times more likely to commit suicide than the average person. A single person typically isn't responsible to anyone else,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.