

SENATOR ROBINSON: I talked about the compulsive gambler counselor, and I think its very interesting. He says that...says, how big a problem to society is addictive gambling? Now listen to this, how...how do we know how much of a problem addictive gambling is in society? Compulsive gambling is one of society's strongest addictions, let me repeat that, strongest addictions. Senator Chambers, if you were listening to him, and what...a lot of what...a lot that he said relates to this. When someone gets preoccupied with gambling, he doesn't have time to volunteer, his productivity at work stops, he doesn't support the kids. Gambling becomes the priority. Five percent of the people that gamble become addicted. Look up here, I don't know, we've probably got 20. I know earlier I counted and there were 40. We are going to get gambling out at Kearney. We are going to get it, and Jim Cudaback is going to vote against it, but they are going to have it if this bill passes. I want you to go up and put your hand on the shoulder of one of those kids up there. One of them is going to be addictive (sic), whether we like it or not. Maybe not this group. If you have 40 of them up there, there is going to be two that will be addictive (sic), and their life will become a shambles, part of the black hole I was talking about. And I'd like to have Senator Schellpeper or anyone up here repute those facts. There were 8,000 people at one of the casinos, I can't remember, see if I've got it here, 8,000, the boats' average attendance is about 8,200 people a day. So you know how many people that are addicted? That's over 300 people that walk in that door that are addictive (sic). And you know they...they know, those people know what makes a gambler addictive (sic). They talk about it. Are slot machines especially...

SENATOR CROSBY: One and one-half minutes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...addictive? I re...I will give the rest of my time to Senator Hilgert. I said I'd give him some time.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hilgert, you have a minute and a half.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you very much, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Glad to.

SENATOR HILGERT: If we are going to bracket this thing, and we