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sparks a mile high, and that's why I don't have those kind of situations where I can do as my colleagues do and vote for a bill that's going to benefit me, personally, financially, from one of the most hellish things ever brought upon a state to besmirch its reputation. When we passed this bill we put in a provision to help those who are going to become compulsive gamblers, knowing that it is feeding a disease, and that we are the viruses carrying the disease. We are pathogens when we put a law like the state lottery in place. We carry a disease, and we are inflicting that disease on the public at large. We may not be the best people, but we supposedly are those who represent the best of society. We're supposed to be the examples, we're supposed to be a civilizing influence that brings society from a more primitive position to a less primitive position. And yet this lottery, which is doing so much damage, causing so much devastation in so many families, has now crept its way into our deliberations, has slithered on this floor, leaving a trail of slime behind itself, and we can tell where it's gone by following that trail of slime. One trail goes to Senator Ray Janssen's chair, and the other goes to Senator Baker's chair. The lottery has reached out and grabbed them by the throat, and said, I am going to appeal, not to your duty as a representative of the people and one who is to raise the level of society, but I'm going to appeal to that greed, to that lust for filthy lucre. That's why people play the lottery. They think that it's the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. My Irish friends have given up, Senator Bourne, on the idea that they're going to run out here and catch a Leprechaun and hold him until he shows them his pot of gold; they're too smart for that, most of them that is. (Laugh.) I see Senator James Cavanaugh sometimes looking under leaves and amongst four-leaf clovers, so maybe he's still got a bit of the child in him. Begosh and begorra. But what I'm talking about here today is deadly serious. We all probably know people who have gotten bitten by that bug which makes them think that they will be the lucky one or two, or part of the few who are going to strike it rich playing the lottery, so they lose, they bet, they lose, they lose, they lose yet again. They lose everything they've got, then they borrow. And, if you lose money that is supposed to pay your bills, and you go home and your spouse and your children are looking for the breadwinner to bring some bread, and you bring them stones, and lay them out on the table and