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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: They've invented many new ways to make money. They don't need this increase, and we don't need this bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: We are on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm a freshman member on the General Affairs Committee, and I'm not a player of the lottery. And these scratch tickets is what we're talking about in this bill, we're not talking about the big lottery where you win the \$50 million or whatever. We're talking about the scratch tickets here. This will change the payout on the scratch tickets, it will change the amount of money that the retailer gets, from 5 cents a ticket to 6 cents a ticket. I have no great interest in this bill, but in states where they've increased the payout, more people play. Right now if you buy one of those scratch tickets and spend \$1, if you play enough of them, you'll get 53 cents back for every \$1 you spend. I don't like those odds, but if we allow the gaming people to increase the payout, the theory is more people will play, it will generate more income. I submit to you that this isn't major, big-time gambling. Most people buy these scratch tickets for entertainment purposes. And I don't think people are spending their paycheck on scratch tickets. If this is going to be a viable part of our lottery in this state, then I think we have to adapt to changes. Other states are changing and are increasing the payout. So they increase the payout from 53 cents to maybe 60 cents, is that going to make me buy scratch tickets? Probably not. But will there be more people buy scratch tickets? Probably. Will it generate more money? Maybe, nobody knows for sure. But I think if this scratch ticket thing is going to remain viable in this state I think this is something we need to do. It's been requested by the industry, it's been requested by the people who sell the scratch tickets, and I think it's something we need to listen to. These are the people out in the trenches working with this. There's a big argument over who gets the money. Right now 49 percent goes...49.5 goes to education, 49.5 goes to the Environmental Trust Fund. Try to touch the Environmental Trust Fund and you're dead! My thoughts are that this might increase that and