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SENATOR JANSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, do you make money by selling these lottery tickets? These scratch-offs, whatever they call them? Do you make a profit?

SENATOR JANSSEN: We make...we make 5 percent, but I...if you start figuring the people who work at those counters and use that as a percentage, we would be very lucky if we broke even.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you have good judgment and sense when you're selling sausage, but you lose all common sense when you're selling lottery tickets, that's what you're telling me.

SENATOR JANSSEN: No, because that percentage is set for us what we can get off of those. I can adjust my percentage on other things.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why would you keep selling lottery tickets if you're not making...if you're not even breaking even? Why do you continue to sell them then?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Hopefully,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it that they draw people into your store for other things?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, that's part of it, Senator Chambers, so they don't go to the neighboring town who has the ticket sales, and if I wouldn't have them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're looking at a benefit not just deriving from the percentage that you get of these lottery sales, isn't that true?

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what difference does it make whether you get a nickel or six cents?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, 1 percent is 1 percent, Senator, is going to help somewhat.