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lottery?

SENATOR SMITH: I...I don't have the specific numbers. I would suggest that there's less compulsive gambling with charitable gaming given the fact that it's typically...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...in an environment that is more restrictive. It's not as accessible as the lottery is, so, you know, I...I can't say one is a whole lot better than the other, but I do have less concern about charitable gaming.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me ask you this, Senator. In all truthfulness, isn't it the casinos that are out of state that are really basically the big contributors to our compulsive gambling problem? I mean it doesn't occur to me that the state lottery is really a particular problem with regard to compulsive gamblers, but I don't know. Do we have statistics on people who have come in that indicate that their compulsion relates to one or another of the gambling facilities in this state or other states? Do we have that information?

SENATOR SMITH: I know that the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler, Senator Smith. Further discussion, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I (microphone malfunction) the brains of the outfit in my office and I didn't hear why I was called to the microphone.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Your light was on...

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh. Oh, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...to speak on the Smith amendment...