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compulsory (sic) gamblers. And so to provide money, as that's exactly what this bill does, to treat those compulsory (sic) gamblers is no different than, to me, as an airline crashing and burning and 5 percent of its passengers dying. And 5 percent of these individuals also will run into problems. AM3206, Senator Lynch's amendment, is intended to build a coalition of support for what I concern (sic) a bad bill in two ways. It attempts to make it palatable to its opponents by putting in more money for compulsory (sic) gambling. An additional \$500,000 from lottery funds is added and any funds not used by the Revenue Department in the administration and enforcement of charitable gaming acts would be transferred to the compulsory...Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund. It attempts to bring in support by adding language for keno operators. Getting rid of the five-minute rule allows them to have their own slot machine palaces. They may argue that this change is benign because they have dollar wage limit on their machines and do not dispense coins, currency or tokens. They also are likely to argue that they're requiring the timing of a random selection process to be under the control of their employees makes them legal. However, the \$1 wager is more evidence that these are video slot machines because slot machines, by their nature, really involve small wagers just done over and over and over and over and pretty soon you're talking about real dollars. The requirement that the game be controlled by keno employees is no safeguard and just means that creative methods will be used to conduct the games as fast as possible. There are other arguments against this amendment. I passed out the Attorney General's Opinion and I believe that this is still unconstitutional. They have not changed the features found unconstitutional in the most recent Attorney General's Opinion. The keno amendment would also be unconstitutional by the terms of that option. The evidence of participation for both the keno and the pickle card provisions is actually a receipt in both cases and not a ticket which determines whether one wins or loses, like tickets used in a traditional lottery. This amendment authorizes video gaming devices which stimulate...or which, excuse me, simulate a game of chance for a monetary prize, which is exactly what a video slot machine does. If you change the software, these devices would play the same games as any other video slot machine. The lack of an arm, such as described in the amendment, or a light on top doesn't change the nature of the device. There are also no limit to the number of