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happen the more chance you have of losing money. So that's what we're doing, we're speeding up the machines. We're speeding up the effects of it. And then I want to remind you again of the 18, 19-year-olds that will be allowed to play, and these are going to be everywhere. They're going to be in your Kwik Shops. They're going to be in bars and rec centers. Anywhere where there's individuals that's where they're going to be and you're going to find people using them. Now, to tell you the truth, to take the arm off the side, if you go out to Las Vegas, and I've been there not too long ago, they don't have the old arm machines anymore because they found out that, yes, some of the senior citizens had arthritis and couldn't pull that arm anymore, so they're button machines. So that's not a big deal to take the handle off the side, to take the candle or the flashing light off the top, and the whirling...whatever it might be, whether it be shamrocks or whatever. It's all part of the enticement, though, and I guarantee you there will be an enticement. How many of you sat in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...front of your PC and even see the enticement that is there? And so this is just the beginning. Two things: one, the state needs more dollars to treat already compulsive gamblers and, yes, many of these are coming from outside of our states who are people who are driving across, but many of them are right here within our own bounds, and we open this up, we've opened up a floodgate. And so I would just urge the body to vote for the Jensen amendment. Let's put more money into the hands of those who can treat compulsory (sic) gambling and then let's not go on with the Lynch amendment any further. That will put machines in the hands of our high school students to play, to get hooked on, to crash and burn. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the closing on the Jensen amendment to AM3206, the Lynch amendment to LB 659. All in favor of the Jensen amendment vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the Jensen amendment to AM3206 to LB 659. Have you all voted who care to? Senator Jensen, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JENSEN: Call of the house and a roll call vote.