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know we are not going to generate enough money from gambling to have much tax relief, so you don't need to tell me about that. It's not going to happen. But why do we need to earmark where the money goes? Why do we need to say where the money goes? Can't that come later? Can't the Legislature decide? Can't it go through the appropriation process? Why does that need to be in the constitution where the money goes? I think there is a perception out there that if we pass some form of gambling there will be some tax relief. I don't know that that's the case. But I ask you why do we need to earmark where the money goes, and doesn't that start to reach the two-subject matter, too, that's caused the problem with the constitutional amendment that the...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...people tried...that the paid petitioners tried to put on the ballot? So I have a little problem with that. Senator Schimek, if you want to respond, you've got about 40 seconds.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm not even sure exactly what you mean by earmarking and, Senator, we can have that discussion but I think we need a little more time. So I will just turn the rest of the few measly seconds left to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. There was a movie a few years ago called "Jerry Maguire." Tom Cruise was in that, and it was a story about a sports agent who was representing a sports star, and the one phrase that just kept coming out of that movie all the time by the star, the sports star, when he talked to his agent, he says, where is the money? Where is the money? He was interested in the money. Well, this is an issue about where is the money. I've been in the Legislature eight years. Every year we've had a gambling bill before us of some kind; if not casino, to make keno machines into a slot machine, or to somehow make a pickle