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or a basketball team by 12 and 1/2 points, that information is used only for the purposes of gambling. Now to get to this amendment, I would like to ask Senator Janssen a question. Senator Janssen, as you come to your mike, we're on the committee amendment now?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Janssen?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, now I want to ask you a question. Who drafted this committee amendment?

SENATOR JANSSEN: My legal counsel.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I mean who directed that it be drafted in this manner?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, it was our decision, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Okay, good. Members of the Legislature, if you look in line 4 of the committee amendment, there is one of the worst words that can be used in connection with any kind of gambling and that word is "credit." The worst, most damaging aspect to gambling is to be allowed to gamble on credit. When you gamble on credit, you don't have to have the money to put down to cover a bet, if that's what you're play...you're doing, to cover a hand if you're in cards, or a stroke of the pool cue if that's what you're playing. You don't have to have the money. And that's how you run up these huge debts, and the gambling industry loves this, and they are going to pick the individuals who will be allowed to gamble on credit. If you don't have any means, if you don't have property, you don't have bank accounts, you don't have CDs, a gambling house is not going to let you bet on credit. A bookie, illegal as they are outside of the states where sports betting is illegal, is not going to let you gamble on credit. You run up the debt and you can't pay, but if you win, the bookie is expected to pay you off. This particular approach to gambling is one that I