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But I'd like to see. Would you be willing to wait until Select File with this amendment, Senator?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I've got to think about that. But my mind is open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Okay. Well, I hope that you will. Because I hate to do something quickly on the floor until it's thought through. And sometimes we don't take as much time as we need to do these things, even bringing the amendment up here the other day in a quick fashion. I would have rather had a little more time, especially when we're dealing with the constitution. If I could conclude my remarks by addressing an issue that keeps coming up on this floor, And maybe I haven't done a very good of addressing it. And that is the whole gambling addiction issue. And I don't know how many of you who were in the hearing on the bills remember Jerry Bauerkamper coming in, and he represents compulsive gambling, and that's the organization that deals with addiction. And he said to us that day, you know, there are going to be somewhere between three to five percent of the gamblers, of the population, that are going to be addicted. He said, we're in that range already in Nebraska, and it probably is not going to increase that greatly. And I think that he is a very neutral person. He never comes in for or against any gambling proposals. He's always in a neutral position. He called my office just a few minutes ago and said to me that the dollars needed to treat gambling addiction in this state by the year 2005, if indeed that is the...I'm assuming that he means present problems and any additional. He says by the year 2005, it would be \$2 million, and not \$40 million. And I have consistently promised that group that we would make provisions for funds to go into some kind of a treatment program. And they would come out of not our General Funds or anything like that, but they would be state law, and the casinos...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...would have to address those kinds of funds. I think that occurs everywhere. I don't think it's unusual. I