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you know, the greater population of this state is from where we are at right now, Lincoln east and so forth. And it is a problem that is both, not male. It's about, according to the director, 50 percent is women, 50 percent are men. And most of them have...I asked them the question, are most of them younger than I? And they said, yes. Most of them have children at home. They are people that pay taxes and so forth. And so I think that one of the things, if the Legislature has...in charge of it, because I think this is, with the constitutional amendment, it's just the framework. So, Senator Schimek, I'm not going to be here next year. If this...if we get it passed the Legislature and is approved by the people, will you, if you can, put aside some money, I think as we did with the state lottery, put aside at least 1 percent of the revenue for compulsory (sic) gambling? Because I see it as a...can I get something...I can't...what you do now, and whatever day it is, and it's February 5, 2004,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...but I think that's very, very necessary that we have, you know, because that's not in the other plans about some money for it. So, Senator Schimek, can I ask you a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I would.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Do you see as part of this, when...if we get...if this all gets through, and so forth, that when you make the mix and where the money goes, and so forth, and that's not part of this...not part of this constitutional amendment, which I think is right. We should just be saying, and I could probably get up here and say I should have a casino in my city because I'm the third...I'm the third largest city in the state, and so forth, but will there be money...will there be money for compulsory (sic) gambling?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Absolutely.