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Jensen's request. We need to do something with these people. I know \$500,000, a half a million, does not sound like much to the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...state budget, in the billions that we use, but I know it's a lot of money that I know Senator Pederson is going to say we don't have. But you've heard this over and over again--pay now or pay later--and in this case multi times more. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Dwite Pedersen. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm afraid that Senator Dwite Pedersen is right. I'm going to have to tell you that this is a very difficult thing to do as far as the ongoingness of our state budget is concerned. This is \$1 million we're talking about and I think we have to deal very carefully with each \$1 million that we start to encroach on our future of funding for the state of Nebraska. This is a serious problem. I respect very much the concern that Senator McDonald is expressing. It is a problem. And yet, why do we have a problem? Of course, we have a problem in this particular case because, once again, we're very carefree with what we do with our state constitution, so we decide, okay, it's so important we have the State Fair, it doesn't make any difference what we do as far as the other problems that are being treated by lottery proceeds. And so the intent was there, let's just take care of the State Fair. What about problem gamblers? Nobody even thought about that, apparently. And yet, we had the versatility before, before that constitutional amendment regarding the application of funds for the State Fair, we had the versatility that we could do something about this from the proceeds of the lottery, which was exactly what was intended initially. So we said, okay, we'll have a lottery in the state of Nebraska. We know that we will have gambling addiction, so what shall we do? We shall set aside a certain amount of the proceeds from the lottery to treat the problem gamblers. But we don't go into that kind of a detail when we