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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and had an amendment that would say, as that act exists now, all the Legislature has to do to nullify that is to change that legislative enactment. It will not violate the constitution because built into the constitutional provision is the reliance on that legislative enactment. So any amendment we add to that enactment is constitutional. If we repeal it, that's money just sitting there because there is no way to do anything with it. Oh, I marvel at white supremacy in action, and I regret that I am from the shallow end of the gene pool and that my black skin marks and stamps me as genetically, morally, and intellectually inferior. Learn from those you want to deem inferior and you might improve on the things that you do in your arrogance.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Jensen and others.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I was just going over some math with Senator McDonald as to how much we are spending per person, per year. This is the untreated problem gambler. And her data says it costs between \$5,000 and \$13,800 a year per person, per year, so I took a quick average. Just for the sake of calculation, I said, well, an average of \$10,000 per person. Now, if they have a lot of children, you know, more than whatever the average was that that was calculated on, that could even be more social costs because you have more Medicaid money necessary to assist that family. So with our \$500,000 allotted for treatment, you could treat 50 people with that. Now, currently, we've got 800 people who are needing treatment, so you've got 750 people right now who are not being treated. And you multiply out, the average social cost is \$7.5 million. And again, that's just some quick math, doing it. So we got \$7.5 million in social costs and no revenue to take care of them. I do support the amendment and I do support the bill. And since we're talking about things that could have been here, you know, if ifs and buts were candy and