

I'd be glad to try and answer them on the floor for you, but I would appreciate you supporting this amendment, which at this point is the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. On the committee amendments Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Withem, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I simply rise to support the committee amendments. I think what we've done with this bill, I think that Senator Pedersen and I have had, last year had kind of a disagreement about the thing. But what we've done is we've kept the commission intact. These are people, these are individuals who understand the problem of compulsive gambling. They're going to make the decisions about the money that's going to go this 1 percent out of this lottery. So I'm really, and also the director is going to be transferred over that is in charge of this program. So we're really trying to keep the decisions made by people who understand the problem of compulsive gambling. And so I really think that that makes the bill a good bill, the committee amendments which become the bill. And so I simply rise to support it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the committee amendments which become the bill, it's a white copy version that's at the front of the bill. But, Senator Pedersen, would you respond to a question or two?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Pedersen, the...as I understand the funding, the funding comes from 1 percent of lottery proceeds that is...that goes into the Gambling Addiction Fund. Is that not correct?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's true.

SENATOR HALL: And that money currently flows and is managed by the Department of Revenue, is that correct?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That's true.

SENATOR HALL: How would that change?