

to Senator Withem.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem, there are four minutes left.

SPEAKER WITHEM: And I would withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Withem has a second amendment, Madam President. Wants to pull that too, Senator? I have nothing on the bill, Madam President, nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Turn to LB 275.

CLERK: Madam President, 275 was on Final Reading. There was a motion to return the bill that prevailed. I now have pending I believe, Senator Pedersen, your amendment, AM1854, Senator, found on page 2034 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The chair recognizes Senator Pedersen to open on his amendment.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, you will remember that when this bill came up last week, there seemed to be a great deal of confusion as to what I was trying to do. I have tried to talk personally with each of you who had problems with this bill and hope that I was able to clear up some of the misconceptions. Briefly, LB 275 transfers the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Public Institutions, and renames the Division on Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services. It will provide that certification standards be set for compulsive gambling counselors and programs as they are for alcohol and drug counselors and programs in the original bill. Administrative costs are limited to 10 percent of the funds placed into the fund annually. It is important to remember that the Division on Compulsive Gambling currently exists within the State Department of Revenue. This bill does not create any new division or advisory committee. The Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling are already authorized by law. At the present time, however, there are no certification standards for those providing treatment to compulsive gamblers and the