

commission that I heard Senator Schellpeper talking about, I'd like to ask him a question.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schellpeper, you are asking to confirm some people who are being appointed to this commission...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not to create the commission.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, the commission was already created when we adopted the lottery as part of the Nebraska lottery and the Commission on Compulsive Gambling.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is because we expect that there will be compulsive gamblers in the state who are going to need some kind of treatment?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well I think there already is a commission, or not a commission, but there is already a group that works on compulsive gambling, but that's the way that part of the funds, if you will recall, from the lottery will go into this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, but here's the question I am asking, does this commission exist because it is believed, this is a state commission, not a private group.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it believed by the state, by having this commission that there are going to be compulsive gamblers who need help?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think they probably think there will be and there are some now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you carrying a bill (sic) right now, 293CA, which would expand gambling in this state?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, actually it's the committee, not me.