

each fiscal year to distribute to county fairs as state aid has declined significantly. The race tracks, however, will try to provide additional funds to provide a \$1,000 per county grant each year. My last agency is found on page 72, 58, the Board of Professional Engineers and Architects, again, in this case, a cash-funded agency with its source of revenue the examination and license fees. The appropriation represented in the budget for the next biennium provides mainly for a continuation budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Turning now to Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I have several agencies to present to you, and one thing I did want to point out, that early on in the session you received a copy of the book called the Legislators Guide to Nebraska State Agencies, and if you have questions beside what are in the book, if you have questions about some of the different programs in these agencies, sometimes this is a real good source, it is for me, anyway, to look back and it gives you a little explanation as to what the responsibilities of the agencies are and how they are broken down into different programs. The first agency I would like to discuss with you is Agency 66, which is a cash-funded agency, the Board of Examiners and Abstracts. This is a very small agency. It is funded by fees for licensing and annual fees for the abstractors, and the budget is just a flat continuation budget. It is found on page 66. We did take out a couple of thousand dollars out of their cash fund authorization, only because it is not necessary to have it in there, and if the reasons for having it in come back, they will be able to apply for it in the form of a deficit. The second agency is also a cash-funded agency, which is the Agency 73, page 75. It is the Nebraska Board of Landscape Architects, very small cash-funded agency. Basically, we have left their budget flat as per their request. The third agency is Agency 84, Department of Environmental Control. It is found on page 110. Their agency is a continuation budget, as are most of the agencies, with a couple of notable exceptions in this particular area. One is in the aid program dealing with Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction Loan program that we have gone to. We have, as a committee, recommended leaving \$2.2 million in the General Fund, and that is a departure from the Governor's budget, \$2.2 million