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Scott Moore. They are 65 students and their sponsors from Shelby Public Schools in Shelby, Nebraska, and they're in the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question or two?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, you said in your opening that this would allow...does this allow, I mean, is it permissive, or is it mandatory that the money be spent?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall, it's absolutely permissive. There's no...they have no obligation to spend this money at all. In fact, in talking with Game and Parks, they absolutely do not want to spend it for acquisition, and that's part of the reason that that limitation is in there. But they would have an interest in looking at proposals that, in fact, further their habitat program.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. And didn't we just have an increase in the habitat stamp, this year, that passed?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, the Habitat Fund will have between 350 and 400 thousand dollars of additional money this year.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, and we're going to, through this amendment, appropriate 50,000 each year, so 100,000 for the biennium, is that correct, toward the Trail Fund?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, they would have the option of using that much money, if they so chose, for that purpose.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. So this language, even though it says, there is hereby appropriated, is permissive language?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Absolutely.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, that's all need to know. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. The next speaker is Senator Haberman.