

fund. Well, to this point in time, that fund has never been funded to even that extent at this point, this many years later, and, in fact, if you take into consideration inflation and cutbacks, there consistently have been appropriated to it about half of the funds that actually were indicated when the bill was passed that many years back. The fiscal note for LB 849 indicates net proceeds from the state lottery that would go to the Education Innovation Fund would be about 16, and probably on the outside about 18 million dollars, so that means about 1.6 or 1.8 million dollars would go then as a 10 percent share to the community-based aging services to augment the kinds of services that we have out there, which are so sadly lacking in the level that are needed to support the at-risk, frail, elderly people as well as other senior citizens in Nebraska. I could go on and talk to you about what other states have done as far as putting the proceeds of their lotteries into such kinds of programs. One extreme example would be Pennsylvania's program. Under the state lottery, they have approximately \$6.4 billion dollars that has been distributed to a myriad of programs that go to the elderly people. For 1990, \$619,000,000 was appropriated to the various aging programs from lottery proceeds. So, and in charts that you see, this is the kinds of things that they do with the money. My amendment asks that we create the Community Aging Services Fund to which 10 percent of our lottery proceeds shall go to support community-based aging services. Our elderly in Nebraska are fiercely independent. They don't want to be overly burdensome on government, and these funds would be used to assist older individuals to remain independent and avoid expensive and inappropriate or premature institutionalization. That is the extent of the amendment, and I would invite whatever discussion anyone has on this issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Smith. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that this lottery that we are going to be setting up is going to be fluctuating in the amount that comes in. We have no idea what...how much it may be, if we are able to make a profit at all. And that to try to fund a permanent ongoing program from these kinds of incomes would be a mistake. I believe that the bill should be written or the lottery should be run as the bill is originally written, that the funds are going to go into the General Fund, and then the Appropriations Committee can use them for such things as capital construction and one-time