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I will be asking Senator Hall, hopefully, to describe that element of the bill to you. It involves university and state college remodeling facilities, remodeling funds and, hopefully, Senator Landis can describe that for you in some detail. It involves an element that is extremely important to the rural constituency, the Solid Waste Landfill Closure Fund, and Senator Morrissey, hopefully, will describe that to you in detail. It also involves a Building Renewal Allocation Fund and that fund includes a portion of money to be used to respond to the new Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the changes in our facility structures that will be required by that act sooner or later. Furthermore, the bill also includes the Nebraska Health Care Trust Fund and that particular part of the bill will be described to you by Senator Wesely and finally, the bill involves sending a sizeable chunk of money back to the General Fund. Now the Environmental Trust Fund, the first element of the bill is supported or will receive revenues from one cent of cigarette tax for a period of one year, one cent for one year. At the end of that time, the cigarette tax will end insofar as the Environmental Trust Fund is concerned. The Environmental Trust Fund is also supported by 25 percent of the lottery proceeds, of the state lottery proceeds, assuming that the people approve and the state sets up a state lottery come next year. The cancer research element is funded by a one cent cigarette tax and I probably should mention right off that one cent of the cigarette tax at this point in time at least raises approximately \$1.3 million. The University and State Colleges Facility Remodeling Fund is supported by one cent of the cigarette tax. The Solid Waste Landfill Closing Fund is not supported by the cigarette tax but is supported by 24.5 percent of the lottery proceeds for a period of five years. By that point in time, hopefully, we will have closed our landfills in the way required by the federal government and then that 24.5 percent of lottery proceeds will shift over into the Environmental Trust Fund to be used for environmental cleanup projects. The Building Renewal Allocation Fund is supported by a cent and a half of the cigarette tax. The Nebraska Health Care Trust Fund is supported by one cent of the cigarette tax but that one cent does not kick in for one year. It will be the continuation of the original penny that is being used to fund the Environmental Trust Fund portion. And then there is a half cent of the cigarette tax that will go into the General Fund, so all together, at any one point in time, it represents a five cent cigarette tax increase and it directs almost 50 percent of the lottery proceeds into the programs of LB 1026. Let me . .

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