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is quite ironic that.... I would like to ask a couple questions to Senator Kiel.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kiel, would you yield?

SENATOR KIEL: Yes, I will.

SENATOR STUHR: Senator Kiel, it is my understanding that you served on the council that distributed these funds to schools.

SENATOR KIEL: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: And could you tell me, how long did you serve?

SENATOR KIEL: I served four years on that council.

SENATOR STUHR: Did you have a problem while you were serving as a member? If you did, I am really surprised that you accepted the position of serving on the council. Could you explain.

SENATOR KIEL: Have a problem with what?

SENATOR STUHR: With using lottery funds? I heard you make that statement several times today, and just interested in wondering why you served on or were willing to serve on that committee for four years?

SENATOR KIEL: I asked to be appointed to that council for the very reason that we've been talking about, and that is if we were indeed going to have lottery...a lottery in this state, and we were going to use gambling proceeds for educational purposes, I wanted to be able to make sure that what we did was use those monies for one-time purposes. You mention that we created this particular fund in order to fund educational projects. The way that this was sold to the people of Nebraska was that this is the way it would be done, and then it would not be used as an entitlement to school districts so that they came to depend upon them, and then if the gambling revenues fluctuated, they would be needing to come to the Legislature for additional funds.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you. Just in response that again these are grant funds. LB 495 are grant funds that are going to