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this same article and section of the constitution. The bill has been introduced to address these concerns. Therefore, this bill would direct the State Treasurer to simply dispose of these fines in accordance with section...with Article VII, section 5 of the Constitution of Nebraska. This change will accomplish our goals for the fine money, which are to have the fine money go back to the benefit of the schools in the counties in which the fines were levied, as required by the constitution. So right now it can't go to the permanent school fund; it has to go to the public schools in the county in which the fines are levied. Simple bill. Need to have it passed so we can dispose...there are \$72,000 in fines in that fund, and they're sitting there, and they need to go to the schools, apparently, in that county where the fines were levied. Racing Commission wants to dispose of that money. So far, they haven't been able to do it. We thought we took care of it last year, but didn't work. Have to do it again this year to get it right, according to the Attorney General. With that, I'd answer any questions anyone would have. But that's the nuts and the bolts of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. The Chair recognizes Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Schimek and members of the body, I do have one question for Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: My question is, when you made the statement that it's...the funds would be going to that county to the schools, in my situation, Platte County, where the racetrack is on, it's in the county, it's not in the city of Columbus. Where would those funds go? Would they go to my school district of Lakeview, or will they go to the school district of Columbus, or where would they go?

SENATOR JANSSEN: They will go to the districts within that county. All of them. It would be divided up amongst all of the schools, all the public schools in that county.