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serve the whole of society and the whole of our...the people of Nebraska.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And diverting this money for this purpose, which we cannot guarantee will in fact even save the State Fair, I don't think is appropriate. So I will continue to oppose this proposal and I will remind the body that currently in the budget, and this is additional money this year, we have put in a half a million dollars into the General Fund...from the General Fund into the State Fair, even knowing all the pressing needs and the budget shortfall. That was done. It was not a vote I made, but that was done by the Appropriations Committee. So you can leave this session knowing, if that stays in, that there was a half a million dollars, in these severe budget times, that is still going to be taken and given to the State Fair. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Preister would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have AM2953. (Legislative Journal page 908.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Preister. Senator Preister, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I just filed this amendment, so it came up rather quickly and may or may not be on your computer. Essentially, what my goal is, is to try and ensure that the funding actually goes to the environment. With the committee amendment, there is some language change and that change would mean that money could go to administrative costs, it could go to other things, which isn't necessarily bad, but it's overly broad and, as Senator Chambers has very adequately described, it isn't assured that it will go to the environmental programs that I believe the Environmental Trust does a good job of addressing, is designed to address, and I think was part of a package of information that the public did buy into when some of them, at least, voted for the lottery, when it was passed. My amendment helps me with a comfort level of putting in some