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those areas of agreement.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Landis. I appreciate those comments and certainly do agree and I think, as we have agreement that the money is important to be specifically earmarked to be used for the environment, not to be put into the trust and then diverted in various creative ways to do other than what it was intended to do originally, and that was to help the natural environment, and to provide funds that normally would not get to those areas to do that good work. So with your assurance that that, likewise, is your goal and that you're willing to work on that, and also understanding that the Environmental Endowment is also important and that that's a part of this, and that you would like to see the bill move and not be held up by this particular amendment but with your assurance that you will work on it and that we can address those issues, Mr. Clerk, I would ask that this amendment be withdrawn at this time, and refiled on Select File.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is withdrawn, Senator Preister. Thank you.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Next speaker would be Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. You know, I've sat here listening the other day and again this morning, and I've become kind of nervous because I found out that a lot of people like myself are very parochial, and I acknowledge it, because each of us seems to be more concerned about what might affect us and how it affects the state as a whole. And that's fair, because I'm quite a bit that way myself. I guess I say that because Senator Chambers supported taking quite a gob of money out of the cigarette tax fund to support what he considered was a worthwhile project. I don't criticize that. I didn't like it, but I don't criticize it,