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lottery funds. Another is that I think the Legislature, long before me, has wisely decided not to use lottery money for sort of day-to-day, year-to-year government operations. And, for example, what if 20 years ago or 30 years ago you decided to fund schools by using proceeds from horse racing? At the time it might have seemed like a great idea, but the money is no longer there. So I think there are certain sorts of programs that make good sense for the use of lottery money. The need-based aid use, to me, is an excellent one, and I also think that reorganization incentives for schools...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...is a very important one. Now, getting off the topic just a little bit, I think it is critically important that the Legislature have the discretion to decide how these funds ought to be used. I don't think it ought to be stamped in the constitution. I...it's a tough decision, I understand, but it's critically important that the Legislature be given the authority, the prerogative, to decide what programs make the best sense for these types of funds and then to have the ability to direct them accordingly. To stamp in the constitution that a certain amount of money goes, for example, to the State Fair regardless, to me, is a big mistake. Whether you like the State Fair or don't like the State Fair, I think that procedure is a serious mistake. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, isn't it strange that whenever there is some money laying out there, it's going to have its pockets picked? When the voters of this state decided that they wanted a lottery, they did so knowing where that money was going to go. I remember some of the earlier discussions about...especially within Environmental Trust, where some of these dollars were going to go. I was very upset with some of the ways that it was distributed, but that was up to the committee that decided this. I remember one time there was a store. The Environmental Trust dollars were going to a box crusher. You know, is that the