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be tickled to death if we'd lock into the constitution that they got about 2 million bucks a year to run the State Fair, whether or not anybody else got any money or not. I don't...I really don't think that's the way to go. I agree with Senator Foley that it isn't good policy to lock it in. I think we need to have the purse strings controlled by the Legislature. We don't need to put it in the constitution about where some of that money will go irregardless. It's already, some of it is set up in there in some of the compulsive funds that go with it and some social issues. But I think that's far enough. And I, at the present time, I think I will vote against this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, once again my esteemed colleague Senator Landis demonstrates his lack of familiarity with the writing of constitutions and their interpretation. Much of the language in the Nebraska Constitution is based on the federal constitution in places, and is derived from state constitutions that were written long before Nebraska was a state. So what courts will do is say that if a constitution is adopted by another state which parallels the constitution in a different state, the interpretation given to those provisions by the originating state will be given a great amount of weight when a court is interpreting the particular constitutional provision. A court does not have to do that. But the words that Senator Landis talked about had been well defined, well understood, because they were the subject of much debate throughout the colonies when they decided to adopt a constitution. So he is unaware of those things, but I'm not. And when he has to make a reach like that and to say that these words which long have had a meaning in constitutional law are the same or are as undefined and lacking in meaning as "natural, physical, and biological environment of Nebraska," then it shows he hasn't done his homework. This is a "trust me" amendment, because they're only interested in Lincoln. And I'm glad Senator Foley told you what the chamber of commerce said, because that was my argument the other day. This is a Lincoln provision. This stuff about the Environmental Trust Fund is to get Senator Preister on their side, Ms. Mary Harding and the