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whether this will be necessary or unnecessary in the future. But certainly, with a continued flow of money from the lottery funds, whether you agree with that or not, it would certainly provide a base support for something that I think is important to a significant amount of Nebraskans yet.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I wanted to stand up and talk about this just a little bit, because I think it's really, really important for the kids to come down here and just get a little bit of money for the ribbons. We're not just talking about livestock. My granddaughter sewed a dress, made a dress, and brought it down here and won a purple ribbon in it. And that made her...encouraged her enough that she's continuing to do a lot of sewing. And I think that's another key to it. You know, it's something life-building for them young children, so I think it's really important. There was talk a little bit ago about how the counties are funded. Well, they...most all counties got an ag society. I don't know if Senator Raikes is listening or not. But the county, they either got a mill levy that they can have to do that, or else the county board itself allots them so much. When we passed LB 1114 a few years back, I don't know whether that changed that or not, or whether they still got their own mill levy. But they do have the money in the counties to pay for the ribbons there. The purple ribbon, of course, is the top one, and then blue, and red, and white, down the line, and they each pay for less. But I think that we've got to come back and do this or I think the numbers will really go down at the State Fair, because this gives the kids some accomplishments when they do this, and it gives them encouragement when they go back home, to be able to carry on with what they learn in it, and the skills that they learn, to keep doing that. So I think it's real important, if we can get this money back in for the kids on their school...on all their projects. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Kremer.