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operation which is failing in every respect. It cannot carry its weight. It cannot reach the public, so you guarantee them \$2 million. Let me say it like it is in the constitutional proposed amendment, 10 percent of lottery funds. And Senator Bourne is going along with the boondoggle also; Senator Mossey. I'm not surprised at Senator Mossey. He's new, he doesn't know very much; and when you don't know much, you can't do much. But it's a funny thing. When people don't know much and they don't do much, the little that they do is harmful. And I think it is absolutely wrong. I think it is irresponsible to guarantee 10 percent of lottery funds to an operation, with no conditions attached, no strings, there's no insistence that they put a plan before us to show what the money is going to be spent for. When I was fighting against the north freeway that I called...not the north freeway but the "north slaveway" because it decimated the black community, there was what they called an environmental impact statement, an EIS. There was certain criteria that had to be met before there could be continued building and destruction of the community. There are people on this floor who will talk about the corporations that get money through LB 775 and how they don't have to reveal certain information to the public. There are not standards that they have to meet which are rigid enough. And this money is being given carte blanche without any conditions and it's being voted for by those people who stand on this floor and sanctimoniously speak against ladling out money under LB 775. At least I'm consistent. Senator Schrock, when he wanted to put trapping, hunting, and fishing into the constitution, I spoke against it, and I'm going to take credit for having defeated it. Senator Schrock asked a valid question. When the effort is before us to put money for the State Fair into the constitution as a guarantee, will the people speaking so strongly against his proposal speak against that one also? And I told him I would and I'm doing it. I don't owe the State Fair Board anything. I don't owe the city of Lincoln anything. I certainly don't owe "Emperor" Radcliffe anything. And you all are proud of what you've done. Even the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee who, when we're not dealing with something as binding on the state as this, will want to cross every "t" and dot every "i", but on this, because of nostalgia, he forsakes sound fiscal principles and planning and says, we will guarantee 10 percent