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too. But you're going to cast them aside and this will be your legacy. The people of vision, and Senator Brashear has demonstrated that, but his vision has grown cloudy. And he also now is obsessing over the State Fair, the Nebraska State Fair. If we were to look at these various items which will be the recipients of this allocated lottery money, every one of the other three, in my opinion, would have a higher priority than the State Fair--education, environmental trust matters, the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, all three of them a higher priority. But they are all going to be diminished because the State Fair trumps them all. The State Fair Board is guaranteed its money no matter how inefficiently operated, even if it's corruptly operated, no strings attached, no conditions. If everybody on the Fair Board becomes a player, the money continues to roll in unabated, \$2 million every year. And that is the Legislature's priority? Senator Adrian Smith had a lot to say...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about the lottery, not the lottery, the casinos. What is being said about this inappropriate allocation of money? Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I was in mid sentence I think when the last speech came to an end and so I thought I'd try to finish my thought and make a few remarks and allow Senator Chambers to return to the argument that he's making. The point that I was making before by citing the Supreme Court was to say, look, if the meaning is clear we will interpret it as a layman would. I read you the provisions. They are not hard to follow. The language that Senator Chambers suggests in these amendments contemplate you and I not being able to understand this language, not being able to understand that there's supposed to be a compulsive gamblers fund which, by the way, there is, and there's supposed to be a Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund which, by the way, there is and that the money is supposed to go there. We could read these provisions and know what our duties are. I read them to you, you could read them at face value, so