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be polygamy, why there should not be harems, and how that demeans and debases women as individuals, as human beings, and take away the sense of personal dignity. But since my time probably is up right now, I want you to look on your gadget, see what this amendment does, and I will answer...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...any questions you may have about it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to rise in opposition to this amendment. The history of the Environmental Trust is that half of the money received from the lottery, or, I believe, 49.5 percent, to be exact, goes to the Environmental Trust to fund environmental projects that the Legislature otherwise wouldn't fund. And I will tell you, when it comes to human issues, the Appropriations Committee rightfully takes care of those, and sometimes our environment suffers. Most of the money that Senator Chambers would try to remove here is used for habitat issues. They are grants that the Game and Parks has applied for and received from the Environmental Trust. The Environmental Trust has a board, I don't remember how many, but it consists of some state agency heads and some people across the state to represent various segments of our society, and they are people that are concerned about the state of Nebraska. They are people that are concerned about our wildlife issues, our habitat issues, about the species issues. And I think the Environmental Trust has a very good history of grants they've awarded, and the agencies that they've worked with, so I would hate to see this money taken away from that. And I don't know why this issue should be mixed up with the Commission on the Status of Women. To me, it should be a separate issue, and so I would ask you to vote against this amendment, protect the Environmental Trust funds, protect the recipient, in this case the Game and Parks Commission, because they're doing...they're the agency that has the ability to implement a lot of the programs that the Environmental Trust doesn't have the personnel to do. And if they don't contract