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a little bit concerned about starting down this road because then I'd have to say to myself, well, maybe we should be looking at all the other grants and awards that are out there and reducing other budgets accordingly. Would you like to respond to that general notion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Senator Schimek, if it were not for the fact that the Game and Parks Commission constitutes a huge agency, they get General Funds, they have Cash Funds, they get...they use fees, they get federal money, so they are in a unique position.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But so does Health and Human Services.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But Health and Human Services deals with human beings. We're dealing here...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So does the University of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, here's where I can make a difference.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Environmental Trust Fund does not make

grants to HHSS.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But this is a grant that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, I don't think they do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...comes to Health and Human...I meant to Game and Parks, and they have plenty of other sources of revenue, so I'm going to let them keep this money which there's no way I would want to try to take anyway because it's a grant. It was given. But we don't have to put on top of that an equal amount in state money.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.