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money where our mouth is. We created the fund, has a zero balance. This program that I'm proposing would support local efforts, with some financial assistance, and say we appreciate what you're doing on the local level; here's some help we want to give you. Now last week we talked considerably about some social ills that we have such as AIDS and prostitution, and we spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on those projects, and they're all worthwhile. They're all very needy things to address. But I submit to you that the underlying problem of most of these kinds of social ills is drug abuse. These kinds of things usually--not always--but usually start by people who have first abused drugs and then resort to other things and get involved in other activities, because of their drug abuse. So I think it's time that we got to our children and families in our communities and tell them, do not get started abusing drugs, because it will ruin your life, and it's costly to our society, et cetera, et cetera. So I ask for your support in attaching AM2690 to committee amendment, AM2566. Thank you very much.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Burling. You've heard the opening. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Burling, in your language you refer to allowing for competitive grants that can be given to local or private nonprofit agencies. Do you have any objection to including local public or private nonprofit agencies?

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Burling, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: So...we have a lot of public groups in Lincoln that might want to compete for these funds, too. Is that a possibility?

SENATOR BURLING: I think so. I noticed that when I was reading it over this afternoon, Senator Beutler, and I don't think I'd have any objection to that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.