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Fund, or whatever that says. I'm opposed to Senator Schrock's First of all, if this language that he's offering amendment. were adopted by the public, all that a legislature has to do is abolish the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. created by the constitution. There's nothing that says there is hereby created these entities. They are referred to, because at the time the amendment was adopted, there was statutory language that dealt with them. But there was nothing, and there is nothing that prohibits the Legislature from dealing with these entities in any way it chooses, even to the point of abolishing It would be one thing if Senator Schrock's amendment talked about the board having the right and the authority to make decisions as to the expenditure of this money, as directed by the Legislature or pursuant to law. But to take a group of people...

SENATOR BAKER PRESIDING

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where the constitution doesn't even say where they will come from, how many people shall constitute this board, what a quorum is, or anything else, is an abdication of our responsibility as the keepers of the purse string. With Senator McDonald's amendment, we're at least putting a specific amount of money into this constitution, and we can discuss that after we dispose of Senator Schrock's amendment. But I am totally opposed to his amendment. I know what he's trying to do, but the constitutional route he is pursuing is not the way to go, in my opinion, which by the way, is not humble. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Don Pederson is recognized to speak.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm hearing several thoughts in connection with this process. Number one, I've never been very wild about this lottery, and it seemed to me that the same people who complained vigorously sometimes about their taxes spend money on this lottery, and it really is another tax, quite frankly. But be