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up a site like we have at Mead, a city girl thinks that's just fine, because it's about cleaning up the ground. And when we look at the lead that's in the soil in the inner city of Omaha, and we recognize that's an environmental problem, and if we use these kinds of funds to clean up those sites, a city girl says that's just fine. And I think when the people of Nebraska voted for the lottery and they looked at the use of environmental and educational programs, I think that many of them thought, like a city girl, that it meant clean water, clean air, and clean ground. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I will be brief, but I just want to make a statement that I would have voted against the Schrock amendment, but I just wanted to tell...state that I do support the Environmental Trust Fund. And the reason I would vote against it, because I just don't think it's appropriate to put it in the constitution. I know we have things in the constitution now that, as times change over 20, 30 years, that it's so difficult to get them changed, whereas if it was in statute, you could do something. I think we do drastic things in drastic times, and that's what we've seen in the last two or three years when we were short of money. We made a lot of cuts and we increased taxes. I thought it was kind of interesting when we raised taxes on the income tax of \$50,000...a person with a \$50,000 income was going to have their taxes increase about \$40. Now the cuts on LB 968 were going to be about the same amount. When we raise them, the papers all came out and said what drastic tax, huge tax increases that we're making. Now they're saying it's kind of piddly. But we cut money to the counties, to the cities, to the schools. We raised taxes on the sales and income tax. We raided almost every agency that had a fee base. If there was any balance in there, we took those fees away, and we had to come back and raise fees on them. We did some things that we don't like to do, and hopefully, we don't raid the Environmental Trust Fund any more, unless it's some drastic measure that we have to. But it does give us some flexibility that we can do; if it's in the constitution, that we cannot do. So with that, I'm glad that Senator Schrock did withdraw his bill (sic), but I