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Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, with the additional drafting that Senator Beutler mentioned, I think it would be good that if the body feels that these entities mentioned in the constitution are entitled to constitutional protection, that should be done. Personally, I think we have encumbered and cluttered that document with far more things than ought to be there. But if the body is of a mind to keep in place this gamblers' fund, the Environmental Trust Fund, the State Fair Board--which I hate--these entities should be created in the constitution as entities with constitutional status. Then at least they cannot be abolished by legislation. There might have to be something that would give the Legislature some degree of oversight, but I'm not the one who has to draft that language. I will support Senator McDonald's amendment. I read in the paper that soon the 1,000th dollar will be coughed up by the fools in Nebraska. Governors...billionth. What did I say? Oh. Billionth. Somebody is listening and hearing. (Laughter) Governors have encouraged people to play that lottery. It is legalized theft, and the state ought to be ashamed of itself. Members of the Legislature should be ashamed of yourselves. Cannot you see the disconnect here, where you're acknowledging the seriousness of problems created by gambling by throwing a pittance of money at the problems created thereby? You cannot give more money, because you want the suckers to think that there's a whole lot of money out there that they may have an opportunity to receive. What I ought to do is sell chances to give every fool in Nebraska the right to go stand out in his or her front yard with their hands upheld, or a wash bucket waiting for a million dollars to drop from heaven into that bucket, and tell them, if you stand facing the right direction at a certain hour of the day and your shadow falls a certain place on the ground, something like Punxsutawney Phil--no reference to Senator Erdman--you'll get this money. And they would buy it. They'd give me money. I don't know why in the world that lottery can operate and be considered legal, when they're going to make it illegal for somebody to write to a fool and say, if you send me \$1,000, I will find a way to get you \$1 million from this fund, but certain fees have to be paid first. They make that a crime,