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going to be a lie that was told to the public and the intent was to deceive. If the intent was not to deceive, then this amendment that I'm offering will carry out what you all wanted to put into the constitution, not me. I, today, am the conscience. I'm saying, you made the promise; deliver on it. If I had my way, the lottery and all gambling would be taken out of the constitution and prohibited. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Preister.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, let me try to clear up why it is that there's a different promise to the public that was made with respect to the Environmental Trust than the promise that was made with respect to education. In the original constitutional provision, we provided that education funds would stay with education, and the language we used was this: shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct. Okay? That's the one promise that we made, that it would be used for education as the Legislature may direct. So we can use it for anything in the area of education. But that's not the same language we use for the Environmental Trust. Don't ask me why. That was the way the Legislature did it that year. But the language we used for the Environmental Trust was not that it be used for the environment as the Legislature may direct, but that it be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act. And you're asking me, well, what act was that? Well, that was the act that we put into statute before the people voted on the constitutional amendment, to give them the exact idea of what we would do. And that was a grant process, a competitive grant process. And it basically, by and large, were the statutes that you see today in our Environmental Trust law. That was the promise we made to the people. We didn't say, shall be used for the environment as the Legislature may direct. We gave them this explicit framework. That was the promise we made to them. That was a different promise than the one that we made with respect to education. And we ought to keep both of those promises as we made them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator