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the people back in the 1990s, that it would be in accordance with the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act that was passed at that time. And that act provided for competitive grants, all the money going through competitive grants, and that's all that we're putting into the constitution today. You should keep your promises, both your promises, as the promises were made. And the education side and the environmental side were not the same promise. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I am glad Senator Beutler reiterated what he said. I was getting up to respond to Senator Bourne's comments to me again, and I think Senator Beutler said it very well, and it was good that he read from statute, because that is, in fact, what I was referring to, and those are the words that are in statute. So I think there is a distinction. And I think, from my view, that distinction also carries over to when people voted for putting funds aside for the State Fair. And I know Senator Wehrbein was certainly a supporter of that, and others were, because they saw the need to preserve the State Fair. Well, I would suggest that those people who voted for the State Fair should also view this with an open mind and support it as well, because the funds going to innovative environmental programs just aren't there, folks. Senator Schrock said the same thing. There's very little money gets set aside for any of these programs, and they're some of the first ones to get cut. There's a...and I support money for education, and there's a lot more we could do for education, and I support ways of protecting that money. But these funds were voted on by the people in, I believe, '93, possibly '94, and approved for this purpose. Senator Beutler read from the statute. There is a distinction. The education funds are to be used for education, without differentiation, without distinction. But the Environmental Trust was set up, and it has the function of carrying out the funding and the grant process for appropriating these monies. It doesn't say, for the environment at the discretion of the Legislature. That is an important distinction. And those funds are all too quickly taken out of that fund, all too quickly raided, even when the