

if this goes and if this idea is going to be adopted and this Legislature is going to endorse this type of an idea that there are going to be a number of us that are going to be innovative enough to come in next year, in future years with other worthwhile endeavors and setting up trust funds for them as well. In other words what we are saying is that we are going to tax the people of the State of Nebraska one-fourth more for this particular program than they really need this year, and each year after this for a period of, what, 29 years I think Senator Warner said so that we can build up an automatic trust fund so that we won't have to come back to the Appropriations Committee and justify it. I think it is a dangerous precedent. Even though it is difficult to speak against the funding mechanism that is being promoted in LB 333, I think that this Legislature, if it is going to do the right thing, has got to recognize that what we ought to do is come up with general fund appropriations right up front if we think it's an appropriate program and fund it and not set up such sly, slick mechanisms that are going to provide a lot of dollars at some point in time in the future, and one that quite frankly future legislatures will not have the ability, even if they would choose to, to say no to. I think it is a very dangerous precedent. I urge you to adopt the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, then Senator Hartnett, then Senator Warner, then Senator Lynch. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to make one thing clear as we go on with this discussion. Senator Barrett indicated to you that the fund would not have the ability to accept gifts from the federal government or from private sources. I did not eliminate that portion of the bill that allows them to accept gifts. So that should, in no part, enter into the discussion. If there is somebody, a private source or the federal government that wishes to contribute money to this purpose, that provision in the bill that allows the existence of the fund itself, and allows them to accept gifts, which is subsection 1 of Section 6 is retained. There are a number of things that we do as far as social programs are concerned that really...I really wonder if we have it all together. For example, you may recall that the other day in our discussions on aid to dependent children the increases in appropriations that we okayed in this Legislature were not