

be a better word, the effort that goes in review of cash funds, federal funds, revolving funds, miscellaneous funds that the state may have and their impact on appropriations. I appreciate those who express the concern that all that is talked about is general fund, and that is responding more to questions than anything else. I would agree and I'm sure the Appropriation Committee members would agree that we spend as much time reviewing cash funds, federal funds, the impact of whether or not we're going to have to pick up federal funds, when are they going to phase out, all of those things are reviewed with the same amount of effort as is general fund, but not withstanding the fact that general fund gets most of the attention, it is not because we do not look at all of those expenditures, and because of some comments I've heard and read, I want to just take this opportunity to make it very clear that just because it is not a general fund appropriation does not mean that they are receiving no attention, because they do.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch is next, but may I introduce some guests under the south balcony. They are UNL educational administrators, Class 852, with government interests in higher education at the graduate level. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. These are students of Professor Rudy Lewis. Thank you for visiting us this afternoon. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I rise with mixed emotions to oppose the Beutler amendment regarding the trust fund. I guess if you could think philosophically about it the purpose of the trust fund is very, very important. I would trust the legal judgement of Senator Beutler, former All American Quarterback from Harvard or Yale, regarding whether or not someone can contribute money to the state out of a will or from some other source for the purpose that is defined in the bill. However, I understand if they did contribute money it would go into a general fund, and out of that it would be up to the will of the Legislature as to where it goes from there. I'm not quite sure, Chris, if that is true or not. In the past, in Douglas County at least, when we established programs for drug abuse, I remember very well that we took some pride in establishing a...we thought a very well thought out and well funded program in our county hospital. We tried to establish some kind of a trust because we knew that there were folks who would like to contribute towards it. The first thing we ran