

fact. You can talk about the mysticism of a life after here, someplace other than here, but it cannot be proved. When they went to the tomb of Tutankhamon who had been there for hundreds of years, thousands of years, the corpse was still there. It hadn't gone any place. When the grave robbers open graves, the corpses have not gone anywhere. They are still there. So the only way that which is of value in us can be passed on is through our descendants and maybe the other mystical way that people talk about can occur. But what we should be interested in doing is showing the value we place on the environment and we don't show that value by taking money away from the agency whose job it is to protect it. This 14th item says Environmental Control. The environment is not what needs controlling. The people who hurt the environment are the ones who need the control. A few days ago a man was attacked by a she bear and people wanted to go out and kill her. And this man said, don't do that. She was where she belonged. I was where I didn't belong. I intruded into her territory so why will you destroy her when she is not the offender. Human beings have a tendency to go the opposite direction, step where they have no business. Then when the punishment that nature has built along with that set of circumstances is imposed, they act as though they were wronged, but being able to think, we know better and we can think about what will happen before it occurs. And if it had been determined that the price is not too high, then it can be paid by our descendants through the contaminated groundwater. The amount involved here is a staggering \$9,300 for environmental control. If human beings are a part of the environment, you ought to call the prisons environmental control. The jails are environmental control. Why does a tree need to be controlled? Where is it going? Why does a river need to be controlled that is going to stay within its banks? Unless nature decides that a little more water is needed, and sometimes when it overflows its banks it is because somebody upriver did something to the land they should not have done. So I think this is a misnomer and I think it is going to signal another defeat but we get strong by doing difficult things and we learn lessons from those defeats if we are willing to study them when they occur and derive the lesson that is there. I am learning a great deal here today and I am trying to put things in the record. And I think what is clear and inescapable is that human values take a back seat to a few paltry dollars being cut primarily for a political show. The state's financial problem is not going to be solved by what we are doing here but the legislative process is being demeaned and the Legislature, as an institution, is being shown to be cruel. I have no choice