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on Rural America and federal funds have been secured. Their resourcefulness means that no new state dollars will be required to continue commission activities. Transportation is essential for Nebraska's economy and for our people. Our highway system is rapidly improving with the record \$292 million construction program last year. Mass transit systems are a critical piece of Nebraska's transportation infrastructure. Transit systems exist in almost every area of the state but they're not connected with each other or with interstate transportation. Accordingly, I've proposed the creation of the Intercity Bus System that connects existing local systems into a statewide network. Our goal is an urban/rural link that improves access for all Nebraskans to regional health care, interstate transportation and other essential services. Nebraska's contribution to fueling America's transportation needs is growing rapidly. Ethanol is on the move. In addition to new construction underway during 1992, we welcomed Cargill's announcement that it would build a large corn processing plant near Blair. This facility has the potential to process hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn daily by the end of the decade. Ethanol continues to hold promise, both for the environment and for Nebraska agriculture through the creation of new markets. Production agriculture is fundamental to Nebraska. With that in mind, I intend to support four specific initiatives that will benefit Nebraska agriculture. First, Nebraska should take on the management of the federal pesticide program known as FIFRA. State government is in the best position to administer this program and do so in a way that protects both the needs of agriculture and the environment. Second, I will continue to promote Nebraska agriculture aggressively, both at home and abroad. The Department of Agriculture is making internal reallocations to direct additional resources toward more ag promotion activities. Third, I'm supporting legislation to streamline the process for obtaining overweight farm truck permits. Timing is everything in getting crops out of the field and hauled to the market. I want to minimize the time required to apply for and receive an overweight permit. This must be a user-friendly program. Fourth, Nebraska agriculture must have a voice in allocating resources from the Environmental Trust Fund. The lottery bill adds the Director of Agriculture to the Environmental Trust Board, along with three additional members of the general public. The legislation also makes it clear that any land acquisitions made with trust funds are strictly on a willing buyer/willing seller basis. With these changes to the Environmental Trust Fund and some minor changes to the Education