

just happen to forget about some of the money here or there for this program or that program that the Legislature said you should do, well, maybe you won't have to do it? Maybe the agency, itself, can just decide whether a program is going to exist or not exist because maybe the Legislature won't catch it. Maybe the senator who was interested in the program or the senators are gone. I mean this is a terrible way of doing business to say that when a mistake is made and when it is attempted to be corrected, all of a sudden, we are going to jump that and cut out a whole group of people who have been working with this money, and building on this money, and they are in all your districts, and there are going to be more and more of them in your districts. And they deserve a fair break from this Legislature and a fair response from this Legislature. And I do not believe, by any stretch of imagination, not restoring these funds could be considered fair. So I hope you will see this again as a unique situation because it is a unique situation, and not allow funding to this program to be zip, zero, nothing for two years straight. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: I call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Question has been called. I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate now cease? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is now ceased. Senator Beutler, to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just to make clear, again, exactly what the motion is, members of the Legislature. It is to restore simply \$100,000 of the \$200,000 that was mistakenly stricken from the biennium budget this time, and that will be money that hopefully will be used, I know Scottsbluff is interested in it, I know there are a whole line of communities out there that are ready and have been organizing locally for their share of trail funds, and are ready for state money, and interested in moving along on these projects. And it seems like I keep coming back to the same argument, that it just doesn't make sense not to correct the mistake, not unless you are going to have a general debate on cutting out funds from all different parts of the budget. This is not new money that is being asked in this budget. This