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SENATOR JENSEN: No, I do not know who they are, and it's my understanding they will be announced the first week of this next month.

SENATOR HILGERT: Of the next month?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Further discussion? Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close. Senator Jensen waives closing. The question before us is the motion to return LB 324 to Select File. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is returned. Senator Jensen, you are recognized to open on AM0997 to LB 324.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I've already stated the reasons. I would just move for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. For discussion on AM0997, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I plan to vote for the amendment and I'm pleased that it's happening, but I think we need to go much, much further in this area, and I want to state, at this point in time, why I plan to take an interest in this fund next year and why I consider it to have been a major policy blunder on the part of this Legislature when it set up this trust fund. The trust fund is set up as a grant program. That's what it's called, and when it's called a grant program, usually to most of us it means there will be some kind of experimental grants given in this area, that area, and that area, usually for the purpose of developing policy or developing ideas and see how they...to see how they work, and usually they involve a fairly limited amount of money, such as the lottery money that goes into the education grants program. But this one is different from a