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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay. Senator Wehrbein, since you've already opened on this, this is FA917, which should be showing up on your computers. We're now debating that portion of the amendment. Senator Jensen. (Legislative Journal page 1025.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Wehrbein, would you respond to just a couple of questions, please?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: None of these dollars in these fund transfers are there for operating, is that correct? To...to...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I would say it's more accurate to say they're in excess of current operating needs.

SENATOR JENSEN: And do these generally have a...a...do they build up over a number of years? Is...is that what brought us to this...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, some...

SENATOR JENSEN: ...this amount in those cash funds?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Some of them...some of them do. As I said, based on the...I was looking at the examining board, the Bureau of Examining Boards includes several physicians, professional nurses, therapists, dentists, and so forth; they're a series of funds, a total of which we're taking \$4 million. But they're...they're...they're funds that, as I said, based on registrants times the registration fee, tend to be mobile, if you will. And so it's hard to ascertain the exact amount of money needed to operate. But in many of those, because they're statutory, tend to move up and down based on use. And sometimes over the years those...we find these in a lot of agencies, Department of Agriculture, a lot of them that are partially cash, partially General Fund.

SENATOR JENSEN: But you were able to go back and look to see if