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we have that we've set aside consciously to make sure that we build a fund to continue to have money at the end of the 25 years of this settlement to continue providing services for people in the state and not to spend up all the money. All of my conservative colleagues, you should be voting no. Where is the money going to be in 25 years if we just gradually chip away at it? It doesn't make any difference if it's \$13,000 or \$30,000 or \$9 million or \$10 million or \$1 million. We're not going to have the money left. It's too easy to get in this fund. I didn't see anybody, Senator Wickersham, trying to get back into the Highway Trust Fund. You said there's no difference and you would protect it. If you feel that way, you'll vote against this A bill yourself. Please, at this late date, is there anything that we can do about it? This obviously is the wish of whoever brought this amendment to Senator Wickersham. I'm going to vote no, I promise you on this. We set aside 50 cents for life for EMT for setting up infrastructure and training last year. I see no reason why you couldn't have gone into that fund for these dollars, but apparently there was no choice to do that. I brought that bill to this floor and was supported for that very reason, but we didn't choose to go there. It's too easy. We'll go into that Health Care Cash Fund. Please, 25 years from now are we going to leave a legacy to the state that we'll have over \$1 billion in that fund where we can collect the interest to continue to do the things we're pledging the state of Nebraska, or are we going to spend it all up \$10,000, \$30,000, \$1 million, \$10 million at a time? Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, first of all, I do rise in support of LB 1033. I think it is an excellent tool. I think it is an excellent opportunity for Nebraska to use, first of all, the skills of the EMTs within a hospital setting. I've been to many hospitals within this state since I've been on the Health and Human Services Committee. I can remember explicitly being in Cozad, being in the new hospital out at Ogallala where they do have operating rooms but not too many personnel and quite often, if someone is brought in from a lake accident or brought in from an