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We talked about that. We discussed it. And the committee is well aware of the issue, the Appropriations Committee is well aware of it. And the problem that we had was we thought we could deal with this issue on another bill, LB 678, which is a committee priority bill. But, unfortunately, it doesn't look as though we're going to be able to get to that bill this session. So that is why we need to readjust our thinking, instead of using that bill to meet this problem, we're looking at using the budget bill. Because of that shift in focus and the timing problem, I have talked about this with members of the Appropriations Committee, they are going to meet tomorrow night, I understand, and address this issue. So, rather than pursue the amendment at this time, I'm going to ask that the amendment be withdrawn. I will work with the Appropriations Committee members, and I do anticipate that this issue will be brought back to the Legislature, hopefully on Select File, unless we're still on General File, by the time the committee meets. We'll see how that goes. But I do anticipate a cooperative effort with the Appropriations Committee. I look forward to working with them, and I think we'll cooperatively address the issue. So I would ask that this amendment be withdrawn, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Wesely. Senator, this is your Alzheimer's Disease Task Force amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, this amendment is for \$5,000 out of the Cash Fund of the Insurance Department. It is a request from the Director of the Insurance Department. If you recall, several years ago, we did pass a bill creating an Alzheimer's Disease Task Force which has issued an initial report and which is following up on that effort with the continuing examination of the question of Alzheimer's disease. They have had success in identifying some potential strategies to deal with the problem. They've been working with support groups around the state to figure out how we handle this very important, difficult issue. And what they have found from their experience, last year, was that they need to have the resources to pay for the Alzheimer's Disease Task Force members to