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to call attention to some of these appropriations bills earlier in the process so that you may at least try to formulate where your priorities are. Obviously, it takes 25 to have the same priority by the time we get to the end of the session. And I know it's difficult to sort them out this early so it is...it is permissible to, in my mind, to advance them, but sooner or later the sorting has to come. And I just want to remind again it will probably be very difficult because there are going to be very few bad bills get even to the floor of the Legislature after the committee process. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...the question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: It's not needed, Senator. No further lights on. Chair recognizes Senator Byars to close on the advancement of LB 148.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I think the discussion this morning has been...has given...has given rise, obviously, to the need for fiscal restraint of this body and I certainly...I certainly think that every member is very, very aware of how we need to prioritize the dollars that we spend. But I also hear, I think quite clearly, from these members that they understand that this is a bill that touches all of the citizens of our state and, in fact, the need for this bill is the reason I think you've heard so many senators rise in support of this legislation, because it's an issue that touches almost every family in one way or the other, at one time or another. I...so I've had conversations with members of the Appropriation Committee. I appreciate their giving me their support. I certainly am not adverse whatsoever if...if...in the Governor's request for long-term healthcare funds or in other ways, because there do need to be trade-offs. I don't think any long-term healthcare giver is going to have any objection to utilizing dollars effectively for this...for this need, and I think we do need to look at that and it's possible the Appropriations Committee will choose to designate funding for this program within their budget, and I certainly would