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what they would do. This will allow us then to provide healthcare into the next century and particularly in the area of public health, which Nebraska was ranked 49 out of 50 states for funding of public health issues. There is to be set up, and it's not set up yet, an Excellent in Health Care Council, which will be done by the Governor. He'll appoint a Chairman and five other members and then they will establish or decide which grants that...that they will receive and set up the entire program. And there is no question, as in 71-7606 legislative findings, it says the Legislature finds that the preservation, improvement, and coordination of the health infrastructure of Nebraska is critical to health and safety of all Nebraskans. Two, an increasing number of elderly persons and persons with disabilities in the state of Nebraska are in need of long-term care facilities. That kind of...that language certainly established the purpose of...of the care facilities for our senior citizens and those with disabilities. But I do want to just stand, almost like I guess the Chairman of Appropriations, and say a word of caution, that I hope that we don't tap into this fund too often for too many items or the fund will really not have the original purpose for what it was set up for. The tobacco settlement will not be yet this year. It's a good 18 months out and there are some lawsuits that have been filed in other states that may even push it a little further back. Hopefully...and then, also, there's a resolution that will be coming within the next few days by this body or be presented to the body which will tell the federal government, hopefully, to back off, that these are state funds and not to be tampered with by the federal government. So the tobacco monies, yes, will come into this fund. It's not there yet. I don't know when it will be there for sure. Steve Grasz with Attorney General's Office said it would be probably another 18 months out and then it will come. There are monies that come in '98, none in '99, some dollars in the year 2000, and then after that. And, of course, the whole purpose of this fund is...is to have it large enough that the interest would be significant to fund our healthcare into the future. So, with that word of caution, I just want the body to recognize and to realize that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...this is a fund that would set up. The