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Health Committee I think will remain very diligent and also remind you from time to time that...that this...these dollars are to be protected and to ensure that they go for what they originally intend. With that, I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, during the debate of, on General File, (LB) 148, I certainly gave my support to this respite bill because we...and we don't have to debate that any further because I think we're all in agreement it's something we really need, because of the aging of society and especially here in Nebraska. And at that point in time, during the debate, also serving on Appropriations with Senator Wehrbein, he's a good mentor and I did bring up during the debate that we should probably look for alternate funds than coming out of the General Fund pool because we are going to be short this year, and Senator Beutler and Senator Byars and others of us came up with this amendment. So I do believe this is a good source of revenue to use because this a problem that's not going to go away. It's...and, over the years, the longer we can keep people out of the nursing homes and so forth, the more money we're...the state is going to save in the long run, so I certainly do support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to say much the same thing as Senator Janssen...Jensen said. I think that this is a very appropriate use of this Health Trust Fund. We had lots of debate on that last year. I think this is an appropriate use of that money and so I'm going to be supportive of it, and I do appreciate very much finding another source. But I do want to emphasize the cautionary...a cautionary note about the fact that dipping into this too much and too frequently is going to defeat the purpose of it ultimately. There were supposed to be some of the Tobacco Fund Settlement coming into it already this year, \$11 million, and I think it was 7...and then 17 and then, ultimately, \$25 million a year. That has all been put on hold because of the lawsuit and the, I don't know, I think it's lawsuits and also the federal