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federal government, initially, didn't want any part of it, until the money come in, and then it sounded like they would like to have a portion of it. But the federal government, to tell you the truth, their main reason is they want these dollars to go for health care. I think that that's what we've done last year, through the foresight of this body in setting up those dollars or the funneling of those dollars into that health care trust fund for public health.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If this...if this...if this lawsuit did not involve the federal government, why is the matter before the federal Congress?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it's a large amount of dollars, and I think the federal government would like to have part of it in some way. You know the federal government had their own suit going, and that did not come to fruition, and so the state took over from there or had a suit going also at the same time with the tobacco manufacturers, and were successful in reaching a settlement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Did the state of Nebraska do any work on this lawsuit?

SENATOR JENSEN: The state of Nebraska participated with the group of attorney generals. And, yes, we did participate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Did we file a lawsuit?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam President, Mr...Senator Jensen, would you answer a question or two?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Chambers.