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can fund healthcare issues into the next century. And this body last year brought this into fruition. I think it's one of the greatest opportunities that we have or that we did come up with last year and it can do so much good to our citizens, realizing that up until the passage of this Nebraska was 49th out of 50 states in funding for public health issues. Now we have a vehicle that we can do that with; and if we are diligent, I think that that would...that is how we can operate this. We have an Appropriations Committee that very diligently works on all their issues that come before them, but they don't pick one and set it aside and say, we're going to fund this, number one, and then we look at all the other issues. They look at all of them, look at the available dollars that are there, and then they come forward with a budget that we have and they'll be working on for the next couple weeks still on that issue. I look at this at the same...same way. This trust fund is no different than the Highway Trust Funds; it's really not any different than the...the education and environmental funds that come from the lottery; that they do look at all the issues before, then they decide how to fund those issues. So it is the process that concerns me more than anything. I would certainly hope that you would concur with me that at this particular...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...time we should pull back and then put this back in a General Fund and we can fund it from there. But at this time to fund this from LB 1070 I think is incorrect. I don't want to take a whole lot of your time, but I'll be glad to any question...answer any questions that you may have on this issue. I would just ask that you return LB 148 to Select File for adoption of this amendment and then we can readvance it after this amendment is adopted. Thank you. Be glad to take any questions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I...I...I'm encouraging you to support the return of this bill to Select File and removal of that amendment. I think that I was on the Health Committee, have been for a number of years, and last year we put this...put this trust fund