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Maybe we tuned up a little bit for this debate yesterday on (LB) 149, coincidental the numbers fall consecutively, one to the other. I certainly respect the Chairman of the Health Committee, Senator Jensen, Senator Dierks, and I'm sure others that feel the same way about respecting the integrity of the trust fund. I've long been one that's advocated and protected the Highway Trust Fund. I'm also in a situation that, when several of my colleagues came to me with the idea of using the Health Care Trust Fund to fund respite services, was enthusiastic. I certainly think the language in 1070 very clearly spelled out that this is exactly the type of thing that those dollars could be used for, so I, as the amendment was filed, I had no objections. When Senator Jensen brought this to my attention the following day or the day after, I was somewhat taken aback; but as I analyzed the situation, I certainly understood where he was coming from. I think I have to stay neutral on this request to bring this...bring this bill back to Select File and let you, as my colleagues, talk about this issue and make your decision yourself on whether this is appropriate public policy or not. The one thing that I implore you, I'm not going to stand up here and spend hours talking about the merits of this bill. I'm certain that the citizens you represent have told you very clearly how important this is to them and to the state of Nebraska. And I certainly knew, as this was coming, that I could bring these people back in to lobby you today, yesterday, and I chose not to do that because I felt you'd had adequate discussion and you understood the need of this type of legislation. So I guess I'm asking you not to forget the bill in the policy debate, and certainly understand the position that I'm in. At this point, I have money for my bill and Senator Jensen, Senator Dierks or others are asking you to take that money away and put it back in the General Fund. I certainly absolutely feel, and I think those of you that I visited with have felt along with me, that you're willing to use General Fund dollars to fund this type of legislation, but you have to make the public policy decision now and I just ask you to be very careful in your deliberations and not forget the intent of LB 148.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I want