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intended and not run the risk of getting into that this early and then not having that money available down the road when other...especially if other interests would get into that money. Before long, that interest and what is thrown off is not going to be available. And so I, because of the source, I think we ought to be cautious of how we use it, especially doing it prematurely.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, I will not delay this long either, given the indication that you seem to want, in fact, to strip this amendment off. I would like to say a few more things, though, and explore a little further with Senator Jensen what this public policy discussion is all about, because this will not be the first or the last time this discussion will be had, and perhaps we need to all firm up in our minds what it is we think about this and what measures that are related to health are going to be taken care of out of this fund and which are not. Because, to the extent that you come over and use General Funds, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to do what Senator Jensen himself indicated was so very important, and that is to save some money for when the bad times of the economic cycle come around. Senator Wehrbein distributed to you the article that indicated that if you...if you follow their model and what makes sense to the people who did the study, Nebraska needs to put an additional \$310 million into our rainy day fund, an additional 310 million. Now think about that figure a minute, 310 million. Let's put it in half and say they're half wrong, that really all we need is 155 million. So focus on 155 million. Now let's look at what we're spending this session. Let's say we spent all of the money that we have available to spend. If we'd do that, we'd be increasing our budget by 4 percent, spend all the money we had. That means we wouldn't put a penny into a rainy day fund in this very, very good year that we're having. Let's say we discipline ourselves to spend at a 3.5 percent level. That's the level which is halfway between spending it all and the 3 percent of the Brown resolution. Let's say we disciplined ourselves to do that. That would leave 15 million for A bills, only 15 million. If we did that, though, we could put 30 million into the rainy day