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at some point down the line, and I'd like to engage Senator Jensen in this discussion also, some point down the line we need to use this money for ongoing, for the appropriate ongoing health programs, because there is no justification for all that money being used in a grant program. Now let me remind you of how much money is going to be in that fund. The balance, right now, is \$1.5 million. Now this is not the principle, this is the interest, this is the interest that can be used, okay, that can be expended. By June of this year it will be doubled to \$3 million; by a year from then it will be \$8 million; by a year from that it will be \$12.5 million; huge amounts of money are available in that fund for health care expenditures. And I would like to Senator Byars and also Senator Jensen, as Chair of the committee, why not now? Why not this \$200,000? What is the future of this fund? Surely nobody is arguing that it's going to be a grant program when it's up to 18 and 12 and 15 and \$16 million. It goes as high, in the year 2008, and this isn't the extension of all the payments that will go into it, but at 2008 it's up to \$34 million a year available. Now if we're going through a period where the General Fund is being pressed, what's wrong with putting \$200,000 a year out of the Health Care in Excellence Fund? And that basically is my question, and Senator Byars, I would give you time to respond, first of all. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Byars?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, thank you, Senator Cudaback. Yes, Senator Beutler, you know we have had this as an ongoing discussion. I think the Health Care and Excellence Trust Fund is still a vehicle in the molding. You know Senator Jensen, myself, the Health Committee have had innumerable conversations and think tank sessions to try to find how we can do exactly what you're addressing. I don't, however, want to confuse LB 950 and the need for this funding with how we mold the Health Care and Excellence Trust Fund. Is this a place that we might...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...go for future funding? Yes, I don't think that's inappropriate. I am one that feels that we need to do more than a grant process in the Health Care and Excellence