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strongly urge us to figure out whether we want to maintain the structure that we set in place for the Excellence in Health Care Fund in the beginning, or whether we want to create some sort of a plan to have the money in the fund directly appropriated. But I would urge that, if we're going to do it...have it directly appropriated, we have some methodology so that there is some coherence to it, so that it comes through either the Appropriations Committee, or the Health and Human Services Committee, or maybe a joint committee of the two committees. But we've got to figure out some way, in my estimation, that we have some sort of coherent plan.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: And, if it's not by virtue of the board that we put in place, making that plan, then I think that we have to figure out a way to make that plan. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Raikes, on the advancement of LB 950.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Legislature, my questions, I guess, or concerns about this effort are in the area of whether or not it is comprehensive and, I guess, the issue of priority. And I'm going to be unable to disguise my ignorance on a lot of these issues. But for example, I think that the issue of comprehensiveness probably comes both in terms of the ailment and also in terms of the funding, which Senator Brown just talked about. But first, on the ailment, this deals with hearing, which certainly is an important issue. And as I understand it now there typically is a test done, a standard of care if you will, but it's relatively crude. And this would bring that to a much more sophisticated level, which no doubt is a good thing. My question though is, what about other possible ailments or tests, sight, possibly genetic testing? There are significant advances being made in that area, and I realize it's difficult to anticipate technological advance or information becoming available. But I wonder if, in this sort of an effort, it isn't necessary to try to come up with some sort of comprehensive program where you have a procedure for identifying and, if you will, prioritizing the various needs that you may have to address. Now that's in