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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...which ones that they should fund, and at this point in time they have not funded any whatsoever. Like I said, I think they are getting...are getting closer and this might be April, May, June that they will come out with their first funding that they might have. Then they will annually report back to the Legislature as to which projects that they have funded. Public health is wide ranging, but public health really is preventative health. As I might have mentioned on the floor here that we have expanded life expectancy during this last century 30 years, and 25 of that 30 years have been become (sic) of public health issues.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, and that was your last time. I'm sorry, I should have told you prior to speaking, but that was your last time. Senator Janssen, on the advancement of LB 950.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Listening to the discussion on this very important piece of legislation, I...I look at what...what has happened to me over the years and maybe if this was caught a little earlier, of course, when I was born, I was born in a log house and no hospital or...as most everyone in my generation was. They weren't all born in a log house, but they were usually born at home, except for maybe Senator Jones. He was probably born in a log house also, or a dugout. But the question I...I...the thing that kind of bothers me more than anything else, and I think Senator Byars could probably help me with this, is the liability that our hospitals, no matter how...how large they are or how small they are, what...what this would impose on them as far as testing. I've spoke to Senator Byars about this and it doesn't seem that the expense that they will have to and the equipment that they'd have to put in would be that great. Senator Byars, would you allude a little bit to the process, what clinics and birthing areas and places, what they'll have to go through to accommodate the legislation that you're proposing?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, will you yield to a question?