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money in the area of health.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Jensen?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Senator Beutler, the Excellence in Health Care Council, also one of the main things that they're doing is listening. Dr. Michels (phonetic), who is the Chairman, wants to listen, wants to respond not only to the wishes of state government but then also to the needs of its citizens. This is an area of public health. Senator Suttle has a bill this year, I can't remember exactly...other than it's an acronym for the word "ready", that talks about reading, education and some other items...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...for newborns. And, gee, what a time to come up with a packet, give to a mother as she takes a child home. Mind you, that we kick these kids out of the hospital, or the mothers and their infants, in a 2-day period anymore and said, there you are, raise this kid for the next 18 years, and without a lot of information and direction. Again, that can be something that certainly is a public health item and could also perhaps...the Excellence in Health Care Council might respond to that sort of thing. There's a myriad out there, but the council is open. They've established their rules and regulations and, for this year, I guess I would just like to let that...let that happen. Then we have an opportunity at the end of this year to see where they've gone, to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...see how they've progressed.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen and Senator Beutler. There are no further lights on. Senator Byars, would you like to close on the advancement of LB 950?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I would, thank you, Senator Cudaback. I appreciate all of the input that we've had with...with our colleagues this morning. And certainly, Senator Beutler, I know