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of the Tobacco Settlement dollars and yet have not dispensed one dollar, but they will this year. Now to circumvent that and say that the first dollars that are spent shall go to this program, I think, is breaking faith with that Excellence in Health Care Council. And it also establishes a precedence that we open the door forevermore for anyone to come from the Legislature and say these dollars shall go for such and such a program. And, believe me, there are many of these programs that I think are outstanding. This is one of those programs, I think, could have an effect. It's from kids to kids, I mean what better scenario is there, really? But I think we must let the process play out. And this particular program could be funded by the Excellence in Health Care Council. They have in their first program, I think, about \$1,700,000 in there, \$500,000 would be one-third of that. However, when they would make application for those dollars, then the Excellence in Health Care Council would look at them, just like we look at all the bills, set priorities as to which they feel would be the right one with the right amount of dollars that they have. But if we want to circumvent that, then let's eliminate the Excellence in Health Care Council in its entirety and then let's let the Legislature take those funds and bring them forward. Now the rest of this year the committee, the Health and Human Services Committee, and myself have decided that we will spend a considerable amount of time deciding what should be the role of the Legislature throughout these funds. I had a bill that would have been my priority bill, which would have taken 50 percent of the interest dollars, brought those back to the Legislature to do just this sort of thing. After a considerable amount of thought and time, I gutted that bill in its entirety because I really felt that the committee and myself had not come to a...at least a unanimous approach on how this should be done. Yes, the dollars are large. Yes, the Legislature, I think, needs involvement into where those dollars should go. But at this point in time, I'm not ready to say that this should be done. I would hope that throughout this year that we can work on that, that we can come back to you next January...

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** One minute.

**SENATOR JENSEN:** ...with a program that will lay out the process for funding all of the programs from the Excellence in Health