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do want to make just a few comments and certainly will take up the bill as we get to Select File. I do want to mention, however, to you that as of today or the end of this month there is only \$42,000 in the Tobacco Funds available, not \$500,000. Also, I want to caution you that this is the beginning of an avalanche that we will see. And there will come a time, I think, when we look back and say, what happened to the Trust Fund that it is eroded and gone? I will not take a great deal more of your time on this A bill, however, other than just to say right now, today there's only \$42,000 in that fund, which we're trying to get \$500,000 from. Tobacco smoking should be a comprehensive effort. I think there are some other ways that funds can be brought forth. I will explain some of those as we get into the debate. Matter of fact, there's \$35 million in a Legacy Fund that's on a match, on a one-to-one basis. I would really hope that we could do a better job in fighting teenage smoking and also obtain some federal dollars along the way. Those funds, the initiation process actually begins with a technical assistance conference call on March 1; March 13 is the deadline for receipt of letters of intent; March 15th, deadline for submitting planning and program grants; and then July 1, notification of awards by Legacy; and September 1 of 2000, an award date. So I hope that we don't jump off; start the avalanche. Also that I think that through more concentrated effort and a comprehensive plan we can do a much better job down the way. With that, I'll reserve the rest until we get into the debate on Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the point that Senator Jensen was just making is a point that I'd like to make as well, because I see it perhaps more often than the rest of you do because of my service over on the Revenue Committee with Senator Wickersham. I have a number of rural colleagues who said all along, gosh, I think LB 775 was a mistake, I voted against it or whatever, but now that it exists and now that there is LB 270 we should have a tax credit for our area. Pretty logical. I think it's going to be here; we're probably going to pass one this year. From people who have historically opposed them but, because they exist, now have to say, well, we have to have our share, it's a strange thing that