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"unhealth" related purpose, I'm assuming someone will stand up and talk about that. But it's been my understanding that this is a health related purpose and that the primary objection is that the Legislature is making a decision about a purpose rather than some other body that we have statutorily created to direct the dollars. Now, I don't know whether that constitutes much of a slippery slope or at all. The second thing that I would suggest to you about A bills, and it isn't unhealthy to have discussions about issues on the floor of the Legislature any time we have an opportunity to do that, but I don't think it's inappropriate to defeat an A bill over a substantive issue that we will address, if it needs to be addressed, in the main bill, and we will have, in this instance, clearly one more opportunity, two more opportunities to do that, on Select File and on General File. I think at the moment for this morning our overriding concern should be to maintain the integrity of our system. On General File, we made decisions...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...about LB 1436. The A bill is dictated by those decisions. The A bill does not dictate them. They were dictated for the A bill. If we want to make changes on Select File, I'm assuming the body will do that. The A bill would be amended accordingly. So I hope you do support passage of the A bill today as a part of respect for our system and continuity in the way that we make decisions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I just want to respond to just a couple of things that Senator Beutler said and Senator Wickersham, and that's that we are setting precedence and that precedence is not only in the Excellence in Health Care Trust Fund, but has this body ever superseded the lottery funds that are divided up between the Education Trust and the Environmental Funds? We have done that? Well, if we have done that...and the highway funds, have we ever done that, this body? I guess integrity comes into play here, that two years ago we established a system and now we change that. And, certainly, I think we, as policy developers, run the risk of integrity, and so I...that will be the last thing I will