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was because of some problems with matching or other reasons, I...they may or may not be able to do that. But there is always I would say the tendency to go forward and then come back for the money later.

SENATOR RAIKES: But in your view at least, this change would be inviting the possibility of losing federal matching funds.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: It certainly gives us the opportunity to lose them where we don't have that opportunity now.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, then on the other side, the reward that goes along with this risk, I take it from your comments, is not, in your view at least, satisfactory to outweigh this financial risk.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. And the rewards that I've heard mentioned are the ability of the agency to operate independently,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...and so on. Well, again, I had supported this bill up to now, but I think the discussion does in fact raise some concern. It does appear that there is fiscal risk, both at the federal level, or through federal funds, and then potentially with General Fund exposure. The rewards forthcoming, apparently, are perceived by some. I think the question is whether or not you really believe that there will be enough gain to justify this sort of financial exposure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Thompson, on the advancement of LB 352.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the body, I was one of the people in the Health and Human Services Committee who did not vote to advance this bill. And I would like to share my reasons for not doing that, also, the other time it was discussed and held in committee, I think I've