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favor say aye. Opposed nay. The motion is successful. The bill is readvanced. Mr. Clerk, our next order of business.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 385 is on Select File. Senator Beutler would move to return the bill for specific amendment. (FA1199, Legislative Journal page 907.)

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler, you're recognized on the motion to return LB 385.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, Mr. Clerk, members of the Legislature, if you could be patient with us for just a second, this is not a serious amendment but there's a matter that Senator Janssen and I would like to get on the record, and if I could engage Senator Janssen in a short dialogue I would like to do that, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Janssen, would you yield for a question?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Certainly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen, you're aware that there has been some discussion and...with respect to the interpretation of the language on page 4 of the bill that begins with the Statute 13-2708, and in that provision it provides that a grant of assistance is approved...that if a grant of assistance is approved that it's conditional in nature. It's a conditional approval. And it goes on to say projects shall receive funding from the fund in the order of conditional approval and that the grant of assistance shall be finally approved when funds for the project are appropriated by the Legislature. What I wanted to make clear with regard to your intent was the question of whether the approval that we call conditional is contingent upon legislative approval of a specific project, or is it simply like all of the other grant programs we have, intended to be contingent only upon legislative approval of appropriations for the program generally? Could you make clear your intent on that?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes, Senator Beutler, you know, it's, in my