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SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, it's been utilized to a great extent and we will continue to fund those grants that were in multiple years. If they were a two-year grant, this does not cut that off. It will finish out the grant. But I think this year, I can't remember the exact number, somewhere around 140...around 140 applications were requested and they have...there's some very innovative programs that have been set forth. We've taken some dollars to address the minorities, the Native Americans. There's just a multitude of things that it's really gone for and it's been a good program. Like I said, I hate to stop that, but the Kids Connection is just so important to this state and so it was decided that we would fund that for the next biennium, still keep this in our statutes and, should funding become available, it could start again at the direction of the Legislature.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Then it is clear then that these programs that have been granted, the funding of that will continue so it does not cripple any of these public health departments that have...are depending upon and been approved of these grants?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is correct. We will not cut it off when the bill becomes final. If they have a two-year grant, they'll continue, but none of them went beyond three years. And, by the way, these grants run clear across the state. I'll just, real quick, just run down the first list here: Grand Island, Weston, Omaha, Niobrara, Benkelman, Wahoo, Alliance, Superior, Kearney, Beemer, Dodge, Omaha. So they were across the state and a very, very good program.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Jensen. I'll yield the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Further discussion on advancement of LB 412? Seeing no lights on, Senator Jensen. He waives the opportunity to close. Question before the body is advancement of LB 412 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 412 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.