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years ago, and we use specially earmarked money to do it. Now we're going to convert it to the General Fund. So once a program starts, no matter under what circumstance or condition, then we always put it off on the back of the taxpayers and continue it. I am not opposed to the program. I praise the results that have been reported here on the record. I understand the objective. We ought to continue it. But we shouldn't do it with \$6 million of General Fund money. Mr. President, I'd ask Senator Jensen to yield to a little...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen,...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...colloquy, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Jensen, did I not understand you to say that we could in fact carve the money necessary for the continuation of this program out of cigarette settlement monies?

SENATOR JENSEN: That could be done. It would lessen the amount coming in to fund LB 692.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I understand. There...we'll go there.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So we would...we can spend the windfall monies of the litigation settlement that we got from the tobacco companies for the...for this purpose, which is related to tobacco, and we can accomplish it without the General Fund money, if we're willing to do it, all other things being equal. Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is true.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And what's not equal, in the sense of all other things being equal...and you and I had a little conversation off the floor...it's being suggested that we move