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clarifies the local public health department funds not...distributed in any fiscal year, will not be reappropriated. They will be remain...they will remain in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. The amendment makes clarifying and technical changes to Section 71-5714, that establishes the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund. The amendment removes current language that allows for exceptions to provisions that funds appropriated or distributed under the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act may not be considered entitlements or ongoing obligations of the state of Nebraska, and cannot be used to replace existing funding for existing programs. The exception is removed to protect the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund from being used for anything other than its intended purposes. The amendment also removes obsolete language relating to transfers of the tobacco settlement revenues and the Medicaid intergovernmental transfer payments that have already taken place. The amendment preserves the existence of the Nursing Facility Conversion Cash Fund, which was set to terminate on January 1 of this year, to allow for time for nursing facility conversion projects that have not been funded to be fully paid out. The unobligated balance in the fund must be transferred then to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund on or before July 15 of this year. The amendment was written as a white copy of the bill, and also includes original provisions of LB 412 as introduced, with only technical changes. The amendment has an operative date of July 1, 2003, and has an emergency clause. The amendment outright repeals obsolete sections relating to public health planning grants, filing a petition to join an existing public health department, and appropriation intent provisions from LB 692. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM1890, offered by Senator Jensen to LB 412. Open for discussion on that amendment. Seeing no lights on, Senator Jensen, did you wish to close? He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM1890, offered by Senator Jensen to LB 412. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The motion before the body is to adopt AM1890, offered by Senator Jensen to LB 412. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.