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as Senator Landis said, his words were created money. That's an interesting play, words. We are taking \$405,000, just \$405,000. We've been lectured, as I said, all session, can't touch this. It's General Fund money, it's General Fund money. So what are we doing now? I don't understand the rationale here and lack of self-discipline. Interesting information, staff, there is some people still over at HHS watching us over here. Staff contacted them. This \$400,000, number one, is not anticipated to even being needed until January 2004. It's going to cover salaries. Some of them are half time. Some of them are full time. They are located in 16 area communities. This is salary. This is a job preservation act here, is what this is; going to use to preserve the coordinators' salaries on staff over at HHS. As I said, some of them are half time, some of them are full time, not needed until January of 2004, and I don't know whether it's even needed then, but they will admit it is not needed until 2004. So I may be chastising people...or people unjustly here, but we've been lectured all session about can't touch this, it's General Fund money. I can remember some 10 and...10 and 20 thousand dollar issues that we couldn't touch that, it's General Funds. We created some money here. We found some money. We've got to spend it, \$405,000, for job security. It's interesting to me that we've cut counties, and some of my counties are really hurting out there. I'm with Senator Vrtiska on this, and Jones. If we are going to take \$405,000 a year found money, let's put it back to the counties. Let's take that and then next session...by their own admission, they don't need this money till 2004. Let's work on it next session and take it out of the Tobacco Trust Fund. So with that, Senator Bourne, I'd return the rest of your time to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Baker. Mr. President, I just want to clarify. Senator Kruse mentioned, I don't know what this has to do with Utah, and what my point is, is that one of the ladies that works with me went to "go stop smoking" and so she requested from the number, the smoke-free Nebraska number, or excuse me, Tobacco Free, Tobacco Free Nebraska, and