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counties that have not participated by that time don't, their allotment would be redistributed to the participating health departments on a per capita basis. And I think basically this covers their...they're serious details, but details that are very, very important for us to continue with the very, very tremendous work that we've been doing in LB 692 and developing our public health departments. So I would ask for your adoption of this amendment, AM3047, to the Health and Human Services Committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the opening on AM3047. Now open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just want to make a couple comments. First of all, I certainly do support Senator Byars' amendment, and then I just wanted to relate to each one of you, who were here when we passed LB 692, that we are one of four states in the United States that have taken our tobacco settlement money and put every dime of it into healthcare. I'm very proud of that. You should be very proud of that. Not only that, since we've done that we've maintained that \$50 million a year that we are taking from the trust fund and putting it into healthcare, and we'll continue to do that hopefully into this next century. Now, many of us are not going to be around in a couple years, and most of us are not going to be around four years from now, and I certainly hope that those who follow us will maintain that same importance of these LB 692 dollars and maintaining those for healthcare only. We are unique in the state. I've...as I've traveled around, I've had many individuals from other states who are in the healthcare industry or at least in Health and Human Services Committees in their states say they wish they would have done what we have done. Also, there are states that have...their total tobacco settlement money is gone forever. They used it on buildings. They used it on budget. They use it on other things, whereas ours is here. It can be used for many, many years and I'm very proud of that and you should be too. Without that, I'll return the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. We're discussing