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that it was possible that the public wouldn't accept and would revolt, which has happened in a number of states and has produced actions, petitions, constitutional limitations, which are in fact inimical to doing governance well. Whatever we do I think has to be done in a relationship to the public. We can lead the public, but we can't break that umbilical cord.

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: And frankly for me this year, we run the risk of breaking that umbilical cord in a way that we haven't in the last two years and that we won't when the bill for nuclear waste is due and owing. So that is why I took the position I did. You may see that as nonleadership. I put it in the greater context of taxpayer acceptance on this issue. This money given to us by people who donate the money by playing the lottery, we told this state what those purposes for that money was when we created the lottery and we're asking if we can increase it. It takes no money from the General Fund. It takes no money from natural resources or education. It, in fact, elevates those purposes as well and we have done a very good job of our priorities. As a matter of fact, this Legislature cut the State Fair in its General Fund appropriation when that money is in competition with higher education, with Medicaid, and with people in need. The pot of money in the lottery, that's a different pot of money paid in a different way...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and it should not be treated as if it was a slush fund to be spent in any way this body chooses to spend. It is a fund that we essentially held out to the public would be spent in a different way. And if we choose to spend it differently...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...we should seek their approval. That's LR 209CA.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Pederson.