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This green copy cannot bind the Legislature to appropriate anything, can it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: No, it instructs us to the A bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the A bill can say whatever this money is and is not to be used for.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I would strike this language. Are you opposed to my amendment?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I don't know if there's any reason to strike it if we're not going to strike it in the A bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there any reason to keep it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Well, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the interest of good legislating, why do we need this, this language?

SENATOR CONNEALY: We do it all the time. I know that we've had this discussion whether the binding bill is the A bill on where we spend the money, but this tells us where and it instructs us as we go forward, I think.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this bill passes and there is no A bill, this would give the impression that \$250,000 has been appropriated, doesn't it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's not true, correct?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And I've brought this up and this kind of language has been stricken from other bills this session.