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that dealt with the aging process and the disability process and our need to care for these folks and try to moderate the growth. You know, it's like the bank robber said, you know, why do you rob the banks? That's where the money is. Well, in this situation why do we focus on the aid to the elderly and the aid to the disabled? Because that's where we're spending a high percentage, very high percentage of our Medicaid money. So as a result of that, it dawned on our task force that we really have the three different entities that are involved as far as Nebraska is concerned. We have the federal government which imposes the rules, we have Health and Human Services which carries out those rules, and the Legislature which embodies the Health and Human Services Committee with certain requirements from our statute. And we have to embody all three of those together in order to make a cohesive program. Senator Jensen referred to a number of activities that were to be accompanied by this program, and these activities by Health and Human Services had dates that were mentioned that needed to report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: And so it was our intention on the committee and much of that is embodied in the report that we had to the Health and Human Services Committee from the task force. And it's primarily embodied in this document. And we wanted to make certain that, as far as we could, that Health and Human Services, which is a huge agency, that its feet were as held close to the fire as we possibly could. So we wanted a report. You say you're going to do something; report by a certain date and tell us what you've done. And those things have been put into this and there is the proposal that there be included within this a new ongoing Medicaid task force reform council that would continue to have the coordination that the one that you ordered earlier did, and I think it worked effectively. I'm sure Senator Jensen would tell you it worked very effectively. We had a high level of coordination between the department and between our task force.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you.