

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Bromm, this bill would carry an A bill and though it's not a General Fund A bill, my thought is that probably it's going to hang around until June. I'm looking at Senator Rasmussen, but the thought is I don't know about...this is a little different because it is not a General Fund A bill, but to answer your question, assuming this is a bill that stays with us till June, the reason we have the rules written that way is that we wait until all the spending priorities have been preliminaryly made and then at the end we can make decisions what we want to spend money on and what we don't. And so, obviously, if you want to weigh this against the other things in the Medicaid program, whether they be medically needy, whether they be copayment issues, whatever in the Medicaid program you want to weigh these against, you never exactly, you know, sit there and make a choice between the new program in LB 520 and the existing program in our Medicaid plan and...but you would if this was an A bill, it would sit there until you've made those Medicaid decisions, then you can come back and make a decision on 520. The other thing I think is you need to understand is, as I have mentioned, the other direction to go with 520, is exactly the opposite direction, is to leverage the federal funds but don't start...don't fund the program Senator Rasmussen wants to. Argument could certainly be made that if you advance LB 520, get to the first week in June when we make our final spending decisions and you're sitting there and say, well, you know, actually instead of funding the program Senator Rasmussen wants to fund with these newly leveraged federal dollars, I want to maybe fund the medically needy program that we've heard so much about. You could...520 could certainly serve as the vehicle. All you do is amend out the authorization portion of 520 that spends the money and the money would be there to maybe fund the medically needy program. So I mean, I don't know if I've enlightened you or confused you, I guess...

SENATOR BROMM: I think it helps.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR BROMM: I wouldn't want to have to try to explain that to somebody else, but thank you very much.