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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 333 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 307.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Legislative Bill 307 is a bill that was introduced by Senator Suttle. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 12 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Suttle, you're recognized to open on LB 307.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, 307 is merely a bill that directs the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support Division to apply for, implement...and implement the federal Medicaid substance and alcoholism option and apply for the necessary waivers to obtain that money. We...we have an amendment. The committee wanted to make very, very clear that this would be revenue neutral and we'd only use the money that was already there for substance abuse and alcoholism. And, with that, I'll say thank you and would appreciate your support of the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Chair recognizes Senator Jensen to open on the committee amendments. (Standing Committee amendment AM0149 is found on page 422 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. The committee amendment, all it does is say that it...that the funds must be revenue neutral, that there will be no additional cost, and that's all the amendment says. And I would certainly ask the body to support AM0149, the amendment to LB 307. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members, I came to this just a little bit late, but I...is this going...will there be an A bill with this, Senator Suttle? May I...or Senator Jensen,...