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Journal page 1638.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, for a motion.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the adoption of E & R amendments to LB 972.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 972. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Senator Bourne would move to amend with AM3345. (Legislative Journal page 1675.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, to open on your amendment, AM3345, to LB 972.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. When this bill came off of General File, we had some discussion right before the vote there that we might modify this amendment that, as you recall, requires that the call center associated with the centralized child support be put out into a rural county. And right before the vote, Senator Brown and I had a dialogue. And we...and I agreed to work with HHS and her to modify it, such that...so that HHS would be comfortable with the implementation of this. So what we've done is, this amendment, AM3345, it takes...it just adds a few words. It allows, basically, the Health and Human Services to perhaps contract for this call center. The original bill had that the call center had to increase employment in a particular county by one-half of one percent, and we agreed to change it to one-fourth of one percent. And then, Health and Human Services wanted to make it very clear that there's two entities here. There's the State Disbursement Unit, which we designated the Treasurer to administer. And they wanted...the Health and Human Services wanted to make it very clear that if there are some call center employees that go along with the SDU, or the State Disbursement Unit, that those could be located here in Lancaster County, because they felt that might be a little more efficient. So the last part of the amendment says that customer service staff responsible for providing account information related to the State Disbursement Unit may be located at the same location as