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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...maybe heard some of this at the interim study hearing on the issue, that in order to not impoverish the entire family people are having to look at getting a divorce--something that in many cases their religious beliefs and their personal passions...it's a tragedy. The other is we don't want people to become impoverished and go on Medicaid. We want them to be able to work and they want to be able to work, and that's whom this...that is the group we are trying to address with this bill. People who get transplants, sometimes it's just a matter of a few days of some major virus or other problem and their entire life turns around. They go through their life savings very quickly. We want to reach those people who can work and contribute but need some assistance with the medications and able to do...be able to do so. So this is a philosophical difference...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...with this bill other than those who are just totally impoverished.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson and Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs reports LB 242 to General File; LB 780, General File; LB 391, General File with amendments; LB 558, General File with amendments; LB 703, General File with amendments; LR 4CA, General File with amendments; and LB 714 and LB 720 indefinitely postponed. Enrollment and Review also reports LB 329 to Select File; likewise LB 419, LB 483, LB 484, LB 31, LB 730, LB 96, LB 286, LB 368, LB 10, LB 314, LB 303, LB 303A, LB 191, LB 191A to Select File, some having Enrollment and Review amendments. Hearing notice from Urban Affairs Committee. Senator Chambers, an amendment to LB 31; Senator Brown to LB 346; Senator Chambers, LB 286 and LB 154. (Legislative Journal pages 822-833.)