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be...that could be judgments, that could be liens.    There's a variety of those things.    That's the reason I would hope that the court would begin to examine that and if they don't I think we need to come back in and look at some system in frivolous pleadings or to determine what really does constitute at least a basic filing, and I would hope...I'd give the court the first opportunity to do that, but if they don't I would hope that the Judiciary Committee would begin to examine that issue.    Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN:    Thank you, Senator Kristensen.    There are no further lights on.    Again, did you wish to say anything in closing on LB 876?    Closing is waived.    The question before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 876.    Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay.    Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:            33 ayes,    0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 876.

SENATOR COORDSEN:    LB 876 is advanced.    Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:    Mr. President, the next bill, LB 1115, is a bill introduced by Senator Aguilar.    (Read title.)    The bill was introduced on January 15 of this year, referred to the Judiciary Committee.    The bill was advanced to General File.    I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.    (AM2986, Legislative Journal page 991.)

SENATOR COORDSEN:    Senator Aguilar, to open on the bill.

SENATOR AGUILAR:    Thank you, Mr. Coordsen...Senator Coordsen, and members.    Excuse me, I'm on the wrong page.    Nebraska has seven drug courts in operation.    Currently drug courts are not specifically addressed in state statute.    Judges working in our drug courts want the backing of statutory language that this bill provides.    That is why the Central Nebraska Drug Court asked me to introduce this bill.    Let me tell you a little bit about drug courts.    A drug court is a coordinated effort between the drug courts judges, substance abuse treatment providers, the county attorneys, public defenders, private attorneys, local law enforcement, often probation and others to guide drug court