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there are any questions, I would be happy to address them. Otherwise, I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Open for discussion on the advancement of LB 66A. Seeing no lights on, Senator Raikes...he waives that opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 66A to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 66A to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 66A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 66A does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 55, by Senator Byars. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. Bill was advanced to General File. I do have Health Committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0082, Legislative Journal page 331.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Byars, you're recognized to open on the advancement of LB 55.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Colleagues, LB 55 has the same provisions that LB 1274 had in it, that we advanced in the 2002 Session. It was on General File when we adjourned. That bill was sent to the floor of the Legislature unanimously. It was also sent to the floor of the Legislature as LB 55 unanimously this year. It is very necessary, but it is very simple in its content. It basically protects our public safety, our public safety officials. We have some language in the law that needs clarifying, and I think LB 55 does that. It provides that if a physician believes that there has been an exposure to an infectious disease or condition, the public safety official, or the agency which employs or directs him, may request the individual who may have transmitted the infectious disease to consent to having necessary diagnosing blood...diagnostic blood