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LB 176 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 176.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 176 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 301.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 301 was a bill introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0005, Legislative Journal page 324.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen, as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, you're recognized to open on LB 301.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 301 is the annual cleanup bill requested by the Health and Human Services System. The bill contains an emergency clause, and makes the following changes. And by the way, if you want to follow this, if you look under the...on the statement on your machine, it will pretty well track everything that I'm about to say. Reporting requirements: The bill deletes or modifies various statutory reporting requirements related to the county public assistance employment programs. It relates to Medicaid eligibility, managed care, emergency medical services, public health, and the report of the system advocate for the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. The bill also clarifies the food stamp eligibility for persons having one or two felony convictions for possession or use of controlled substance. The bill also includes a felony conviction for intent to sell or distribute a controlled substance on grounds of food stamp eligibility, and applies the statutory eligibility provisions for drug-related convictions more uniformly, deleting a specific reference only to drug-related convictions obtained under Section 28-416. That food stamp bill was a bill that was brought by Senator Synowiecki a year ago, and he has also approved of these clarifications. Federal law references: The bill updates references to the federal Social Security Act, under the state