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LB 732A, 732

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. You have heard the closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 732. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We have a request for a record vote. Have you all voted? We're voting on the advancement of LB 732. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1144 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 732.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 732 advances. We will now take up LB 732A.

CLERK: Mr. President, 732A introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, this is the A bill that would accompany the implementing language that we've discussed. I think we discussed the merits this morning at great length and, with that, I would just urge the adoption of the A bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. For discussion, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers waives off. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I guess I just wanted to put something in the record on a counterpoint that Senator Kristensen made in his closing and that would be the argument that we're backlogged, we need to do something, the system is broken and we need to fix that. And I'm not arguing that. The only thing I would like to at least put on record is for the first year being on the Appropriations Committee, it's been interesting and, in fact, very, very frustrating. It reminds me sometimes of being back on the Health Committee. Of all the needs and all the various agencies, and I'm thinking particularly of areas in the Department of Social Services and areas of DPI and the areas where we're getting out to our youth and getting out to people who are really in need where they don't have enough workers, there are not enough caseload people, they're overworked, they're overburdened, we need to put more monies in the areas. And one thing comes to mind and I was thinking of the Supreme