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LB 1044A, 1059, 1141

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Senator Wesely, to...oh, any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, to open on the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, again, the bill does not any additional appropriation to the current budget of these agencies. It merely realigns them into the new departments that are created. I'd ask for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek, for discussion on the motion to advance.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I wonder if I could ask Senator Hillman just a few questions about the A bill on this bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman, could you respond?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: I had some concerns and I'm glad we adopted the Appropriations Committee amendment to the A bill, but I also have some concerns as to how it will be handled with several other bills that are out on the floor on how the appropriations for this area in general will occur. There is...LB 1059, I think it is, Senator Wesely's bill that is a \$20 million approximate appropriation possible to take over some of the local areas that now handle substance abuse, et cetera, if they get that money switched over to the state level. And then Senator Bernard-Stevens' bill, which is, I think it's LB 1141, which there's a possibility of appropriating a little over \$5 million into the Office of Juvenile Services. According to the language of this bill, it said that all unused portions of the money at a certain date, I think it's in December, will switch over into this, this partnership project. Will all of the monies that are appropriated then from these other two bills, will they also be combined into, should they be appropriated, into this? At this time the A bill shows 1.3 billion, so it would be closer to, if those pass,