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SENATOR JENSEN: Good morning, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 333A is an opportunity for us to save some dollars here in the state of Nebraska. If you'll recall, this bill allows for the return of drugs and devices for patients in nursing homes which are unused and have specific conditions set upon those before they can be returned. They must be in the proper condition when they return. They must be in tamper-proof bottles or containers. But it is estimated that the Medicaid Program would have a savings of \$531,000 annually. The savings by fund source would be \$206,987 G...in General Funds, and \$324,000 in funds for the Fiscal Year 2000. These are charges that are now being...or that would be handled through the Medicaid Fund. They have...and, by the way, the sheet I'm reading off of is a little different than the one that is probably in your books. They do say that they would need a half-time accountant to track the return of the unused products, and the personnel costs would be about \$23,000 in FY 2000, \$19,500 in FY 2001. So we do have an opportunity here to save some dollars and I would certainly ask you to vote for the approval of 33A (sic)...333A.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Before we proceed to the next speaker, I would like to announce that Senator Dierks has a quest under the north balcony, Bill Koenig from Lincoln, Nebraska. Would you please stand and let us welcome you to the Chamber. Good morning. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I like Senator Jensen's bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Questions of Senator Jensen? No. (Laugh) I'm so used to Senator Wehrbein getting up and explaining why it's not a good idea to spend this money, that it scares me. There are no other lights on. Senator Jensen, did you wish to say anything in closing? Closing is waived. The issue before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 333A. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 333A.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 333A is advanced to E & R Initial. Next