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the bill. I'll support the bill. I was just curious if anybody had any idea what it might cost. And, of course, it's not...the safety of these individuals is more important than the cost. At the same time, I'm sure that some of the communities' individual organizations will be interested in how much it costs and we'll obviously find out at some time. So I'm going to support the bill because I think it's the right thing to do. I was just curious about those costs. And with that, I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. There are no further lights on. Senator Byars, do you wish to close on the advancement? Senator Byars waives the opportunity to close. The question for the body is advancement of LB 55 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on advancement of LB 55 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 55.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 55 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 119, a bill introduced by Senator Brown. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments and other amendments pending to the bill, Mr. President. (AM0091, Legislative Journal page 331.)

SENATOR ENGEL PRESIDING

SENATOR ENGEL: Senator Brown, you're recognized to open on your committee amendments (sic).

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Two years ago we passed a bill on written consent, written informed consent, for genetic testing. In the time since that, the department has been working on consent forms and there have been some issues that have arisen about some of the definitions, and