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amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. We will then proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 265 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. And a roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1123-1124.) 31 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 265 does advance. I raise the call. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Thank you. A notice, Mr. President. The Revenue Committee will meet in Executive Session today upon adjournment in Room 1524. Enrollment and Review reports LB 439, LB 500, and LB 626 to Select File. And Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to LB 265 to be printed, by Senator Chambers. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1124-1127.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The next item on the agenda is LB 724.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 724 is a bill by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22 of this year, at that time referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I bring you this bill because of the compassion that I have for those with mental illness, for those who are struggling in a system that in itself is dysfunctional, a system that is fraught with delays, bureaucracy, and inappropriate placements. As Dr. Dan Wilson, who is chief of psychiatry at Creighton University, has said, despite the considerable hard work of everyone involved, HHS, the regions, the regional