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SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Foley would move to amend.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Foley, to open on your amendment to LB 454.

SENATOR FOLEY: Mr. Clerk, I'd like to have that amendment refiled below Senator Hartnett's amendment, so we can take up his first.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered. Senator Hartnett, to open on your amendment to LB 454. (AM1308, Legislative Journal page 1276.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, what my amendment does is it leaves in Section 1 as it is, and what it does, it establishes a drug court, the purpose of a drug court. Then it simply says that the rules and regs for the drug court will be promulgated by the Supreme Court, and we'll get the drug program started. That's what I hear from my judge, is that there needs to be some uniformity in this program. And so I'm simply getting the programs that Senator Aguilar...and it's worked in Douglas...in Sarpy County, where I've been. It's under juvenile. But we simply get some uniformity in it. Then I think next year we can come back and introduce some legislation that, if we need to put some of this material that Senator Aguilar had in his original bill into the (inaudible). It simply starts the process of recognizing drug courts, plus allowing the Supreme Court to start writing rules and regs as it relates to a drug court. And that's simply what the amendment does.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. You've heard the opening on FA1308, which amends LB 454. Those wishing to speak are Senator Synowiecki, Hartnett, Chambers, and Aguilar. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Aguilar, would you yield?