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but this is the consensus at this point in time, and I think Senator Brashear did a nice job of explaining that. There may be improvements to be made, but we have nothing at this point. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Beutler, you're...and this is your third time, Senator, also.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Senator Cudaback. Senator Thompson, I'm very pleased that you and the committee have done this and I hope we can go further. Just the opening provision though that it requires the approval of every county to have such a program begs the question of, can there be fairness as between counties that have the program and counties that don't have the program? So it does appear to me that there's a ways to go, to say the least, but I'm glad that...I'm glad this is getting done. Thank you very much for taking the time to answer questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Any further discussion on the advancement of LB 43? Senator Thompson, there are no lights on, so you're recognized to close on LB 43, if you care to.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. I appreciate the time the body has taken on this. I think it's a very important issue and it gets us started toward some of the issues that may be addressed by a future Legislature. But this will give us the data, gives us the definition, and gives us some set of standards. And hopefully you'll vote for it and we'll move on and perhaps in another era someone will be able to come back and take it beyond where we are today. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the closing on LB 43. The question before the body is, shall LB 43 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 43 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance LB 43.