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benefits from other service...source...funding sources to minimize possible...to the maximum, excuse me, possible extent. Section 4 makes technical changes. Section 5 makes technical changes. Section 6 amends Section 83-1224 relating to appeals in administrative procedures under the act. The amendment consolidates the judicial review of administrative decisions under the act in district court of Lancaster County. Enforcement of administrative decisions is stayed pending such district court appeal. The court, upon good cause shown, may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the hearing officer, or remand the case to a hearing officer for further administrative procedures. I do want to thank Senator Wehrbein, Senator Byars, who has spent...who has extensive knowledge in DD and has worked on that, and would like to give the remainder of my time, Mr. President, to Senator Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen.      Senator Byars, about five minutes.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Thank you, Senator Jensen. I think Senator Jensen has laid it out actually fairly much in detail where we have come from and where we're going. I think this is a classic example of a piece of legislation that had tremendous opposition from the developmental disabilities community. That includes consumers, providers, the ARC, virtually everybody I know. Every one of you were inundated with e-mails and letters and telephone calls, but thanks to Senator Wehrbein and to Senator Jensen and committee staff and my staff, people came together to establish dialogue and say we want an objective assessment process and we think it's necessary that every person has this type of process. This will enable those people who have needs for services to appropriately receive them. Those who are receiving too many services should have them reduced. And all of us in the meetings we've had, in visiting with both...representatives of both of those groups, consumers and families, have agreed that that needs to take place. But it also needs to take place with a dialogue and a combination of sitting down around the table with representatives of HHS, representatives of consumers and providers, and the Legislature to come up with something that was workable. What's workable is what you see in AM3185 that