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FA1575.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. FA1575 contains the provisions in Sections 11 and 12 of AM2889, and they address the funding of public behavioral health systems. It also creates the Behavioral Health Service Fund. That fund would be administered by the division, and it contains Cash Funds, not General Funds, appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise received by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System for the provision of behavioral health services, and directed by the Policy Cabinet or the Legislature for the credit to the fund. That is primarily the essence of this particular section, Sections 11 and 12. I'd ask for its adoption.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on FA1575. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, you're recognized to close, Senator Jensen. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the section labeled as FA1575. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on this component of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: FA1575 is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, FA1576 of the committee amendments, Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. (Legislative Journal pages 1196-1199.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Jensen, to open on FA1576.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. FA1576 contains the provisions of Section 13 through 17. It combines the state mental health planning and evaluation council, the state alcoholism and drug abuse advisory committee, the Nebraska advisory committee on compulsive gambling into a single State Behavioral Health Council. The State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services consists of 23 members appointed by the Governor. The actual...each one of those boards will remain separately, but yet there is this one board that will be