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SENATOR BYARS:      Yes.      Thank you.      Thank you, Mr. President, members.      LB 841A is the appropriations bill to follow LB 841, which was the tax exemption and the provider tax bill that has already moved on.      This will catch up.      I think, Mr. President, we do have an amendment to LB 841A, which Fiscal has said rearranges the dollars the way we need to have them to comply with CMS and to keep the dollars separate from the ICFs, the community-based programming, and BSDC.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      Mr. President, Senator Byars would move to amend with AM3450.      (Legislative Journal page 1384.)

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Byars, to open on AM3450.

SENATOR BYARS:      Thank you.      This amendment was brought to me by the Fiscal Office.      Again, a bookkeeping piece that needs to make sure that the funds are all in their appropriate place.      As you know, we're using the provider tax on the ICFMRs and on BSDC to enable us to go to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to access additional government funds.      And this puts into proper language and into the proper funds the dollars needed to make those matches.      So I would ask the adoption of AM3450.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Byars.      You've heard the opening on AM3450 to LB 841A.      Open for discussion on that motion.      Seeing no lights on, Senator Byars.      He waives closing.      The question before the body is adoption of AM3450, offered by Senator Byars to LB 841A.      All in favor vote aye, opposed nay.      The question before the body is the Byars amendment, AM3450 to LB 841A.      Have you all voted on the Byars amendment who care to?      Have you all voted?      Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Byars' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      The motion was successful.      The Byars amendment has been adopted.