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Medicaid assistance program, the Medicaid program. A Homeless Assistance Trust Fund: The bill increases the allocation amount for administration of the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The bill harmonizes definitions of transuranic waste under the Radiation Control Act and statutes relating to radioactive waste, that they be consistent with federal law. The bill names the Vital Statistics Act, updates references to the new act, provides for the use of electronic signatures for death and fetal death certificates, and provides for penalties or for misuse of such signatures. The bill eliminates temporary licenses to the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery. The bill provides an exemption from control...or from consent requirements for predictive genetic tests performed on infants born outside the state of Nebraska. The bill would not require written consent for tests ordered by physician to comply with the law of the state in which the infant was born. The bill transfers various public health functions from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Health and Human Regulation and Licensure, included, but not limited to, the activities related to...and we did pass out a sheet for you that kind of tells where these various things happen within the Health and Human Services System. But those activities relating to AIDS, communicable diseases, metabolic diseases screening for infants and newborns, childhood immunizations and vaccinations, women's health, local public health departments, childcare programs, Office of Rural Health section...or, Rural Health, Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act, Rural Health Advisory Commission, tobacco prevention and control, The bill adds new provisions Native American Public Health. relating to the transfer of employment positions in Sections 33, and property in Section 64, contracts in Section 65, and rules and regulations and lawsuits in Section 66 from, again, Health and Human Services System to Health and Human Services System Regulation and Licensure. Provisions related to the transfer of public health functions to HHS R & L may be operative on July 1, 2005, with an emergency clause. I'll stop there with the bill. And there is a committee amendment, Mr. President, I'd be glad to open on.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may open on them, Senator.