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on the Health and Human Services Committee amendment? Seeing no lights on, Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close on AM0499.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we've had a good discussion on the amendment. Just as an aside, I appreciated Senator Thompson's statistics on that PEaCH Program which, when I first came into the Legislature, was being done in Omaha. And about the time it really started to show results, the funding ran out and so it was closed down. We in the Legislature, we in the state, really spend very few dollars on prevention, really the cheapest dollars that you can spend. We spend a lot of money on crisis, crisis intervention, but not on early intervention. So I just would ask the body personally to move forward on this and, as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the closing on the Health and Human Services Committee amendment, AM0499. Question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is committee amendments to LB 264. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. We're now back to discussion of advancement of LB 264. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I guess I would disagree that we're loving this bill to death. I think we're loving it to life here. My only disappointment is that we're not going to see how much grit the new senator has, and I'm looking forward still to the day when the fire of criticism is here and we'll see how you do as a firefighter.