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to say that, in fairness, last year when we addressed this we thought that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which has always resided in DED and been distributed very well, was exactly the place for these funds. We thought they had the expertise and we knew that, in fact, the people who were most in need of these services were people who were, in fact, low income and, therefore, would qualify under the Affordable Housing Trust Fund rules. We did not realize how uncomfortable they would feel with determining the diagnosis or qualifications in other areas. So I believe that we did the best we could at the time in the discussions with the departments, both HHS and DED and the Governor's Office, in designating the funds last year. But without dividing the fund, as this committee amendment or as this amendment will do, there really was no way to designate part of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to one department and one to another. This amendment does do that. It creates a separate fund for rental assistance. It would go through the Behavioral Health Services Fund. I ask for your adoption of the amendment. I believe that we have listened to all the parties and everyone is comfortable with the amendment as drafted. Thank you, Mr. Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the closing on the Redfield amendment, AM1227. The question before the body is whether that amendment should be adopted. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the adoption of the Redfield amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Redfield's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The Redfield amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, the next amendment to the committee amendments.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1263. (Legislative Journal pages 1281-1282.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment to