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LB 478, 713

Stuthman, and Senator Smith. All members are present or accounted for. Senator Cornett, how did you wish to...there's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll on the question.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 1643.) 25 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. LB 478 advances. I do raise the call. We now go to General File, 2005 senator priority bills, McDonald division. Mr. Clerk, LB 713.

CLERK: LB 713, introduced by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Judiciary Committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1108, Legislative Journal page 1194.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Thompson, to open on LB 713.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, LB 713 is the culmination of work of a group of people who began deliberating in April of 2004. They were a task force appointed by Attorney General Jon Bruning to look at issues of sexual assault in the state of Nebraska. Years ago, when I first started working on these kinds of issues, one of the themes, and this was about ten years ago, that was assigned to these kinds of crimes was "out of the shadows." And one of the things we have done as a state is worked very hard on the issues of domestic violence, assault against children, sexual assault against children. In fact, last year my priority bill dealt with sexual assault against children. And this is filling a set of needs that we've had in the state to look at the issues of sexual assault against teens and adults, which is what this task force did. As is usually the case when a group of people come together and look at things broadly, there were many, many suggestions made, some of them legislative and some of them outside the legislative arena. And the original bill contained many provisions. Some of those are going to need additional work. And even though I won't be here next year, I know that