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LB 332

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

CLERK: I have nothing further on the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Jensen, there are...Senator Jensen waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments by the Health and Human Services Committee to LB 332. All in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Voting on adoption of the committee amendments, offered by the Health and Human Services Committee to LB 332. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments have been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on advancement of LB 332, E & R Initial. Senator McDonald, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close.

SENATOR McDONALD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. As I stated before, I know that this has come in an inopportune time at the end of the session. I appreciate all the time that you gave me. I know that we've briefly discussed this on the budget bill one evening during a storm and didn't really get full and fair debate that evening. People's minds were other places and at that end of the...and into the evening time seems to...we don't seem to do...be real productive when it comes late night with a storm brewing. So I do appreciate all the time that you've given me. This has been my priority bill. Certainly not where we came from. We wanted a lot more when it comes to problem gambling assistance program. We would certainly like to had more staff outside the Health and Human Services Committee. We would certainly like to had more, but we certainly are pleased with what we have. I think the most