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child death rate is better than it was, but not a whole lot. There should not be any. There is one particular agency that we contract with right now that I'm going to keep a very close eye on. The name of that agency is OMNI. You would not believe some of the calls that I've had from young people in them organization...that have been in their organization. It is imperative that we be responsible for our young people, and that means policing ourselves these agencies who take care of them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing no lights on, Senator...Chairperson of the committee amendments waives off. The question before the body is adoption of AM0659, offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee to LB 761. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the committee amendments to LB 761. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments have been adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion of advancement of LB 761. Seeing no lights on, Senator Thompson, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Pedersen for your comments. This is a very difficult and multifaceted area. The issue that you were talking about, training for youth service workers, incidentally was before I came to the Legislature. I was executive director of the Omaha Community Partnership, and one of our goals was to get that kind of training established. And a lot of work has been done in the Omaha area to provide better worker training, and I think that we're making some progress. But like a lot of things, it is a tremendously challenging area. And I think that this bill helps