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thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on AM1879? Seeing no lights on, Senator Byars, you're recognized to close. Senator Byars waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of AM1879. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Have you all voted on the motion who care to? We're voting on the Byars amendment, AM1879. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Byars' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill? Open for discussion, advancement of E & R Initial. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, for the record, and I'm not going to hold the build up, I want...bill up, I want to explain what I'm getting to. When you have these gigantic budgets, some of these piddling amounts can be absorbed by the money that the agency has. I don't want to encourage them to bring these little "nitpicky" amounts and have us appropriate by way of an A bill an amount which they easily could absorb, especially when it's such a speculative amount. A hundred and five thousand dollars I could make use of to further fund an HIV/AIDS program, and in that program, \$105,000 would mean something. But to not give this amount of money to HHS, when we're talking about a program that has a billion-dollar budget, say, or more than that, they can absorb some of these things without any problem whatsoever. So when we get to Select File, I'm going to try to kill this A bill. And maybe Senator Byars, in the meantime, or Senator Jensen, or the two of them together, can talk to HHS and see if they cannot absorb the amount, the very speculative amount, that is proposed by this A bill as being needed. And that's all I have. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no lights on, Senator Byars, you're recognized to close. Senator Byars waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 85A advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 85A. Have you