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lights on. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives closing. The question before the body is the confirmation report offered by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. All in favor of the report vote aye; opposed to the report vote nay. We're voting on the confirmation report of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 736-737.) 33 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the report, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The report has been adopted. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Next agenda item, General File, consent calendar. Members, please read the through (sic) rules, because they will be strictly adhered to. Mr. Clerk, LB 1116.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1116. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 17 of this year, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. The committee reports the bill to General File without committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, you're recognized to open, LB 1116.

SENATOR McDONALD: Yes, Mr. President and members. LB 1116 changes the Cancer Repository Drug Program. It...what it does, it eliminates a restriction on the number of doses that can be donated. It allows the donation of an injectable drug if the drug doesn't have special temperature requirements. It clarifies that expired drugs cannot be accepted. It prohibits dispensing drugs that expire in the repository. It requires the name of the person to whom the drug was originally prescribed on the donation form. Some expensive cancer drugs can't be donated to the Cancer Drug Repository due to their packaging. The manufacturer packages the drugs in sealed bottles containing doses for 30 to 90 days. The packaging is tamper-evident and uncompromised. Unfortunately, the program's restrictive packaging requirements don't allow more than 14 days' worth of doses in unit dose packages. The drugs aren't available in