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single unit dose packaging. The bottles contain more than 14 days' worth of doses, and they cannot be accepted. Injectable drugs are used to treat the side effects of cancer drugs. Under the current program, injectable drugs can't be accepted at all. These are reasonable changes that protect the safety of cancer patients, while making the Drug...Cancer Drug Repository Program easier to use for both medical and professional and cancer patients. I encourage you to support LB 1116, and advance it to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. You've heard the opening on LB 1116. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just want to stand in strong support of Senator McDonald's effort to develop a repository to accept medications, drugs. They're very expensive, certainly, for those individuals who are suffering for cancer, and then for some reason cannot use them, or they pass on. To make these drugs available to others is a commendable service, I think, for the state and for the Legislature. And so I just want to stand in strong support, appreciate her efforts, and ongoing efforts in this area. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, I, too, would like to just stand in strong support of this. The...this is the case where there would be great waste at the same time that there is great need amongst some of the recipients that would potentially be affected by this. So I would recommend strongly a yes vote. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Further discussion on LB 1116? Senator McDonald, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close. Senator McDonald waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 1116 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed vote nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 1116. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.