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SENATOR CUDABACK: The Jensen amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Senator Byars would move to amend with AM2532.
(Legislative Journal page 842.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, to open on AM2532 to LB 994.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the cleanup language to LB 994. Senator Jensen asked me if I would carry this, as the Vice Chair of the committee. I don't think there's anything in here that should be very controversial. If there are any questions as far as the way the language is used, we'll certainly work on that between now and Select File. The first part of the amendment changes the operative date from January of 2006 to July of 2006. And it does insert the reference to the federal acts as that act existed on the operative date of this section. Section 2 also inserts the language regarding federal acts. Number 3 reworks the sentence on page 17, lines 11 and 12. The current language states, the director. This more clearly identifies the director of Health and Human Services will be responsible for the revision of the rate schedule for childcare. Number...Section 4 allows for data to be released to those individual or entities who originally reported the information in the first place, so that they can confirm the accuracy of the data provided. Section 5 reinstates the stricken matter that we took out, and removes the new language. We found in looking at it that the old language was appropriate. Number 6 is a rewrite of that sentence, just to make it clearer. And number 7 is basically E & R. And I would answer any questions, but basically, these are technical. This is an amendment that's technical in nature. And I would be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the opening on the Byars amendment, AM2532. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have puzzled over a part of Senator Byars' amendment, so I'm going to ask him to get the green copy of the bill and turn to