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FLOOR DEBATE

March 15, 2006      LB 1086

be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is whether the Synowiecki amendment, AM2429, be adopted to LB 1086. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Synowiecki's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM2429 has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with AM2741. (Legislative Journal page 1044.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on AM2741 to LB 1086.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is so well structured, so well thought out, dovetails so perfectly with the thrust of Senator Synowiecki's underlying bill, that I cannot take credit for having done this. I am offering that which should be attached to this bill, and it's based on another measure that Senator Synowiecki had introduced that went to the Judiciary Committee. Because things moved so rapidly yesterday, when we got to this bill, there was no time for the committee itself to advance his bill. So what this amendment does is to take the work that had been done on that bill, and would have replaced it anyway. So what it is designed to do, in general, so you'll have an overview, then I will mention some of the specifics for the record, it reduces the penalty for prostitution the first offense, instead of just making it a flat offense, which would be a Class II misdemeanor. Then subsequent offenses would be a Class I misdemeanor, which is the penalty now. There is provided the possibility of a judge granting probation. If probation is granted, a condition will be that the person attend certain assessments, mental health and possible drug abuse. A mental health professional who is certified would handle that assessment. A recognized or authorized abuse counselor or operative would do the drug abuse assessment. The aim is to try not to burden and overburden these persons who already are in an untenable situation. And although we many times speak about