

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 27, 2006 LB 1199

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Officially, you opened on LB 1199. Now officially you are recognized to open on the committee amendments, AM2715.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. And again, rather than go into what was in the base bill, the green copy of the bill, my opening there reflected what's in the committee amendment. Again, the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's Office, my staff, the Judiciary Committee has worked extensively on this. We've had meeting, after meeting, after meeting. We've researched the issue. We've actually worked collaboratively with Health and Human Service and those folks in the sex offender unit, and for once I think we have a package that's done right. We went to the people who provide the treatment, we went to the people who provide the incarceration, and, quite frankly, we actually went to the sex offenders themselves and, in certain cases, asked what would or would not work. So I think what you have before you is a comprehensive package that will keep our communities safer. And again, with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank...

SENATOR BOURNE: I do want to point out, you have an outline in front of you that's typed out at the top: LB 1199 outline, as amended, and that's the thumbnail sketch of it. But again, I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments, AM2715, to LB 1199. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Judiciary Committee amendments. Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Senator Bourne, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, for all of his work, his staff's work, his...the legal counsel's work for the committee, the Governor's Office, Governor Heineman, and Attorney General Bruning for all of their work on this. I prioritized this, in part, because I saw early on in the session that Senator Bourne, by introducing this bill,