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you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the closing on AM2715. The question before the body is, shall the committee amendments, offered by the Judiciary Committee, be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the adoption of the committee amendments, AM2715. Have you all voted who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments have been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Discussion of the bill, advancement itself? Senator Jensen, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. And I, too, want to thank Senator Bourne and the members of the Judiciary Committee and their staff for the excellent work in this very important issue. The public has certainly made known of the fact that they want safer communities and, with that, I think the bill that has come forward, LB 1199, has addressed that in a very substantial fashion. And along with that, there is some cost to this, as we'll see later on in an A bill. But I'd just like to ask Senator Bourne a question, if I might, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Bourne, and we've had some conversation with this and you certainly are aware of LB 1083 that was passed, now going on the second year, in an effort to move behavioral health reform, mentally ill individuals into community-based services, and we're well along with that. Also, you're aware of the number of individuals that have been