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disability consistent with the plan; an increase in care coordination and disease management initiatives to better manage medical assistance expenditures on behalf of high-cost recipients with multiple or chronic medical conditions; and other reforms as deemed necessary and appropriate by the department, in consultation with the committee and the Medicaid Reform Council. The department is required to develop recommendations relating to the state's children's health insurance program...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...and a draft report of such recommendations is due to the committee and the Medicaid Reform Council no later than October 1, 2007. A final report to the committee and the council is due no later than December 1, 2007. The department is required to develop recommendations regarding the modification or replacement of the defined benefit structure of the Medicaid Assistance Program. A draft report of those recommendations is due to the committee and the Medicaid Reform Council no later than October 1, 2008. And a final report to the committee and the council is due no later than December 1, 2008. That's a lot. I hope to be able to respond to any questions that you may have. Medicaid is a complicated entitlement. But if we don't start to address these issues,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...certainly we have a program that's not sustainable.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on AM2831 to LB 1248. Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would offer FA662 to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 1397.)