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Heidemann said, I, you know...Senator Bourne, myself, and, yes, 18 others will not be back here next year. And so it is up to those that are still here to ensure that the funding is here for this program and also that the funding is there for the mental health or behavior health reform as to see how that transitions also back into the communities. We have made some commitments. We need to make sure that those are followed up. And so I just hope that those that are left here and those that are elected will follow the...certainly, the initiative that has been put forth by LB 1199 and by LB 1083. And so I'm putting some pressure on you to make sure that funding is there also in the future for these programs. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Bourne waives closing. The question before the body is, shall FA671 offered by Senator Bourne be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Bourne amendment. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Bourne amendment has been adopted. Nothing further on the bill? Senator Flood, for a motion, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 1199A to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion. Open for discussion. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bourne...and Senator Jensen hit on this during General File debate. And my concerns, quite frankly, might be the opposite of Senator Heidemann's in the sense that, as you know and as Senator Jensen mentioned during General File debate, we're undergoing right now, or in the process of going a fundamental shift in public policy relative to the care of individuals that are suffering with mental illness and mental disorders. And the impetus of this shift in public policy is LB 1083 which was passed a couple years ago. And Senator Bourne, I guess my