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involves the people that are directly related to the person usually, or a close friend or family member who agrees to take care of that person for 24 hours a day. I do believe the cost would be less, because if they are eligible for hospice, hospice pays for everything with no co-pay. And that is an entity that is funded separately from what the Medicaid program would be, to some degree. So it might even be less costly, if you're just talking a bottom dollar. But I'm talking from the human aspect, the human standpoint, this is the right thing to do for someone who is a dying patient, regardless of where they are. And I understand and appreciate, Senator Schimek, your concern, that it's only people that would be eligible for parole. Perhaps that could be revisited, that if we see that this works, people that perhaps aren't...I don't want to commit to anything, but I do want to say that I do appreciate her concern here and agree with her that we do have to start somewhere. So I thank Senator Brashear for bringing this bill, and I thank the people that have worked on it, and I do support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Senator Brashear, there are no further lights. You are recognized to close.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, at core this is the Community Corrections Act legislation. I urge its adoption, and certainly urge the adoption of this amendment, which is entirely consistent with the philosophy of Community Corrections. Thank you for your attention.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the closing on AM1711. The question before the body is whether that amendment should be adopted. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. The question before the body is the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Brashear to LB 538. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Brashear amendment has been adopted.