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SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: ...reasons that the serious prison riots that we've had across this country in the past stopped. We need jobs, we need work, we need structure, and a lot of that can be done for the people we are not scared of on the outside, and LB 46 will bring that to us. It's not everything, but it is a beginning, and I just know you people are going to support it. Thank you. And thank you, Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Brashear, your light is next. He waives. Senator Chambers. He waives. Senator Synowiecki. I'm sorry, excuse me. Senator Schimek. And she waives. Senator Synowiecki, finally.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, just to echo Senator Pedersen, I want to thank Senator Brashear for all of his hard work in steering the committee, also to you, Senator Pedersen, Senator Bourne, and everyone that contributed to the community corrections bill. Without question, I support the concept of community corrections. There's no doubt about it. It provides efficiency; provides accountability for offenders; much, much, much more efficient and cheaper as well for the taxpayers. But I do think that we need to have a discussion on our current infrastructure and administrative apparatus that we have for our two community supervision departments. What we have is the Probation Department, that is given statutory authority to supervise offenders in the community, as well as obviously the Parole Office and the Parole Administration is given statutory authority to supervise inmates in the community. The problem is, is these two identities are fragmented and inconsistent. We have probation. Probation is under the Supreme Court administratively. The primary mission of the Supreme Court is obvious. It's to provide a court system, both civil and criminal, for the citizens of Nebraska. The umbrella agency in which Probation is under is not to provide any sort of community supervision of offenders, likewise, likewise with our Parole Department. Parole currently is under the Department of Corrections. Without question, the director of the Department of Corrections will tell you that their primary focus, their primary mission is institutional corrections, and rightfully so, for the protection of the public, protection of public safety. So what we have is our two community supervision departments