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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. I think you've explained it generally very well, and that is my concern. Do we have any idea how much these community programs are going to take, and do we have any guarantees that these monies are going to be there? That is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...of great concern to me, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We're on the committee amendments to LB 46. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, perhaps when this year is done, when people look back, they may look back at this bill as being one of the best things we did in terms of reorganizing our whole approach to this area. And I, too, would like to add my thanks to all those folks who have worked in this area, and to Senator Brashear for bringing it all together, because this is quite a piece. At the same time, I think it's incumbent on everybody to understand what we're doing here because sooner or later, and probably sooner, we're going to get questions about why things are happening the way they are, and so there are certain dimensions of this which are brand new to me and I would like to explore them with certain members of the Legislature who apparently have worked on parts of this to the extent that they may have information on the different parts of it and judgments. And I wanted to have a little conversation with Senator Synowiecki, if I could, both about the fee system that's been instituted, because the first time I heard that idea it was from Senator Synowiecki and it occurs to me that that's become a key cornerstone of this bill in terms of its financial credibility and the actual power to finance these very worthwhile reforms. And, Senator, the fee system I will get to in a minute. There was one other thing I wanted to ask about. On page 19 of the bill, where it talks about the imposition of administrative sanctions, part of the reform of this bill, as I understand it, is that we will be empowering probation officers to an extent that we have not heretofore empowered them. And this may be detail that's beyond what