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this kind of stuff that will be done. And another part that particularly disturbs me is that this person can be prohibited from associating with certain individuals. It doesn't say that these are bad people. The probation officer could be one of those who hates homosexuals and says, if you associate with a homosexual, you're going to be punished. So I don't trust this. And I can look at the homophobic attitude in this Legislature...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...among those who make laws, and I don't trust these legislators, why should I trust a probation officer? Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett, on the Brashear amendment to the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 46.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, this amendment seems reasonable. I have listened to Senator Chambers on this area of the system. I trust his judgment and I would support the amendment. I would give the rest of my time to Senator Chambers. Let him continue his dialogue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have about four minutes and a half.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Hartnett. And I didn't know when I heard the first part of that word "dia" come out whether he was going to say dialogue or diatribe. He said dialogue, because he is a gentleman and a scholar. Members of the Legislature, as Senator Beutler pointed out, there is a lot in this bill which is good, but we cannot just let it go without giving consideration to the details in which resides the devil. Senator Synowiecki is worried, as he should be, about liability. I want there to be a specific statement of liability imposed on these probation officers. You cannot...look, when you give irresponsible power to people over others, you corrupt those people. If power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. You're giving absolute power over these people's lives to a probation officer, and I disagree with