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bear on a person. And the person who is being sentenced will say, yes. But if on appeal it is shown that that confession, if that's what it was, that waiver of a right, if that's what it was, that plea of guilty or no contest, was not knowingly given, even though the defendant said orally, yes, to the question, whatever was supposedly consented to will be nullified by the appellate court. So the mere fact that somebody in a vulnerable position will utter a word that seems to affirm or consent to what is being put on that person, it does not mean that the consent, as it's called, was voluntarily given. It means that a word was used which under ordinary circumstances would carry the notion of consent. But I do not believe that there are safeguards in this bill. I'd like to ask Senator Synowiecki a question, because he is the expert on probation. Senator Synowiecki, on page 17, there is the power of a probation officer to impose community service on a probationer for a specified number of hours. Can that be done now?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Synowiecki?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Currently, no, not without the oversight of the court, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But by the way we're putting it in the bill and allowing it, the court need not exercise oversight. The probation officer can designate what constitutes community service, the number of hours, and impose that on the probationer, based on this language.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Based on my reading of it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. And the reason I'm thanking Senator Synowiecki; I don't want anybody to think that the following words are agreed to by Senator Synowiecki. There was a judge, and I pressured her until she decided not to run again. She was a juvenile judge in Omaha. And she had bailiffs and others running errands for her, taking care of personal things for her. So a probation officer may have a significant other whom he wants to impress, so he tells the parole...the probationer, Ray Aguilar, you have experience in landscaping; I want you to go over to Sweet Sue's house and