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are being done already under existing language within statute; and secondly, I'd like to remind the members of the Legislature that...of their grave concern, their serious concern with regard to the possibility of civil liabilities for the probation officers. So with that, I thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Synowiecki amendment. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President. members of the body, I rise in respectful opposition to Senator Synowiecki's amendment. And I'm going to try and explain this as delicately and appropriately as I can. First of all, I want to make certain that...and I hope my time in the body has indicated that I am not prepared on General File to say, okay, let's throw it out, keep it the way it is because it's wonderful. What brings us to this day is that the system we have now is not satisfactory, and it is not working. So to keep what we've got because someone wants it does just not seem to be the correct solution at this stage. I want to send every signal that, as I've tried to already, that I will be willing to work on a consultative basis to find solutions to people's concerns. But having arrived at what I've chosen to characterize, for effect and fact, as the bankruptcy of our correctional policies, to simply say we'll strike the new language and keep what we've got because it's already being done is just not something that I can agree to, at least on General File. Now, Senator Synowiecki may pin me to the mat, and by Final Reading, maybe that's my only choice. But I don't think what I'm doing is surprising, because the 14-month process that resulted in this had all of the participants who I have told you about and I have itemized for the record. Senator Synowiecki has been very up-front about, he brings this on behalf of the line probation officers. I respect his doing that. But this is one where the line probation officers just simply can't have it their way, in my view, if we are going to achieve what we need to achieve. Yes, they will have more responsibility. Yes, they will have to complete maybe more paperwork. Yes, they will be responsible for the decisions they make. I don't think they have any more or less personal liability for the decisions they make for and on behalf of their