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amendment, members. I just don't think it makes a whole lot of sense to go outside the parameters, the practice that is being done now. It just doesn't make sense to me. From a practical aspect, working in the probation office, front line, working with these offenders for the last 12 years, I don't see a demonstrated need to put this all in our state statute books, and I don't see a demonstrated need to expose our rank and file probation officers throughout the state to this potential liability. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Chambers on the Synowiecki amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I know what the purpose of this bill is, to keep people from being locked up who don't need to be locked up, to avoid unnecessarily taking court time. I understand what Senator Synowiecki is proposing, that we can arrive at that point without putting all of these specifications into the statute. I lean more toward Senator Synowiecki's approach than what I see in the statute. So I'm going to ask Senator Synowiecki if he will yield to a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Synowiecki?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Synowiecki, you've heard my criticisms of this aspect of the bill, and questions I've raised about other portions of the bill. Is that true?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes, I have, Senator. Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard me also say that at this point, on General File, I'm not going to offer any amendments, because I expect Senator Brashear, his staff, and others who are interested, to be willing to work through some of these things so it won't have to be done by way of amendment right now? You've heard me say that?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I've heard you say that. And I too agree