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And certainly, different people can have different perspectives. And you bring the... Senator Synowiecki, you bring the important perspective of the people who are on the front line. So I renew again the pledge to try and work this through. I thank you all for your attention. I do still stand in opposition to AM0965. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'd like to have a short dialogue with Senator Synowiecki, if I could.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Synowiecki, would you yield, please?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes, Senator Bromm. Of course.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Synowiecki, I know you have a long-term dealing with the probation and the aspects of how it operates. And I too have always been interested in trying to increase the number of probation officers so that we can, in fact, take care for those people at a lower cost, certainly, than incarceration. And that's a goal that I've looked at for a long time. My question to you mainly is, how many, in your experience, how many can a probation officer handle? I suspect a lot depends on the kind of cases they are. But what do you normally... you talked about 300. What is about the normal number of people that a probation can handle and still do the job that he's expected to do?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Vrtiska, that's a good question. And really... and you hit on something important as far as work load for probation officers. It's not necessarily how many, but the risk level of those that you supervise. There's different contact standards for different levels of risk. If you have an individual with a high risk level, your face-to-face contact standards for that person is much more enhanced than, for instance, let's say, a first offender of drunk driving, who may be assigned a relatively low risk level. So the work load, and