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year, and \$4 million in the second year. The Community Corrections Council will be put in place. And the Community Corrections Council will have the responsibility for developing process and procedure and methodology for doing what both Senator Synowiecki and the Community Corrections Working Group and all of you, I think, at least generally, want done. We do need more services. There are six-week waits. But if you look at the fact that the Health and...that the six regions are a part of the executive branch of government, and they are under the Department of Health and Human Services, and then you look at the fact that probation is under the judiciary and is a part of the judicial branch of government, and we are taking fees that are derived from probationers and parolees, and we need to use them for the exclusive benefit of those people, we are threading some needles here in terms of separation of powers, in terms of utilization of the money in such a way that they are not...they do not become fines and would constitutionally be required to be utilized in other...for other purposes, for instance, schools. So we're working with a number of different concepts. And my plea to you at this point would be, while this is not necessarily an idea that we should not end up with, it has not had the work and the research and the thought,...not withstanding Senator Synowiecki's knowledge, it hasn't had full development so that I think this is where we should go. I'm asking us to go a little slower. I'm asking us...there's a further amendment down the pike that Senator Synowiecki has...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...developed, that I've been privileged to talk to him about, that I will support. I think it makes a valuable contribution. It tightens up what this Community Corrections Council will do in terms of creating new programs. And it puts some of those private service providers on the Community Corrections Council. I think they're valuable additions, and I think that will produce the balance that would allow us to adopt LB 46 without this amendment, to go forward to be confident that we had made a great, good beginning for community corrections in the state of Nebraska. I would urge the defeat of the amendment, and the subsequent adoption of the next Synowiecki amendment. Thank you.