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without handing half of the money we're able to raise to six regional boards to do whatever they believe to be community corrections in their area. And so I will continue to rise against the Synowiecki amendment. But he and I have had lots of productive discussions. That's how we get the final amendment, which I will be supportive of. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I'm afraid that if LB 46 goes on and this treatment component is not a part of it, that it's going to take a lot of work to get the treatment component back in. I think the success of this program rests with this. I know there's a lot of my colleagues that believe in treatment, that believe in...that that is the answer. I think with the cost of corrections, the cost of the Department of Corrections,...believe me, I'm on Appropriations Committee now, it's astounding the money we spend on corrections. The more efficient use of our funds is towards treatment, treating these offenders, to rehabilitate them. And if we don't do it now, I'm afraid we're going to lose an opportunity. We're going to lose an opportunity to fully fund, hopefully fully fund, the capacity to treat these individuals appropriately within the community. Again, regions, within community-based regions, with county involvement, county commissioners involved in the process. It involves our population. It's encompassing, this idea and this concept. Senator Brashear speaks that this concept occurred...or, came to him within the last two or three days. The fact is, I've been working on this concept for over a month. I've had opportunity to speak personally with every region director throughout the state, and they are 100 percent fully behind this concept, 100 percent, without exception, all six regions, which is all the way from...that encompasses every county in the state of Nebraska. They are for this. I can attest to that. I'll submit that. I want to put it on the record. They submit this...they endorse fully, 100 percent, this concept. The fact is, like I said, they're treating these offenders now. They're