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efficient with regard to start-up and collection. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. The question is on the adoption of AM1651 to LB 46. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Madam Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The amendment is adopted. The Chair would recognize Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members. Senator Brashear, Senator Wehrbein...and, Senator Brashear, please correct me if I'm wrong, but there are going to be, probably, I suspect, rather large cash balances in these funds. As the fees are being collected, Senator Brashear, and there's no infrastructure right now currently in place to get the treatment and the community-based providers on-line, I suspect that there will be rather large cash balances in these funds as the Community Corrections Council undertakes to set up their infrastructure and mechanisms to get these funds to the community-based providers. Would that be a fair statement, Senator Brashear?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm in no position to dispute with you. But I think...setting up infrastructure I don't think is quite accurate, at least not as I perceive it, because parole and probation are going to be the infrastructure. It may not ultimately always and forever be that infrastructure, because you and the body and others may want to change that, but I'm saying initially we're using the existing infrastructure. And I'm not saying there will never be a positive balance. I'm just not experienced enough or wise enough to be able to tell you whether there will be a...it will be large, or whether it will be moderate, or what it will be. I do know that we're going to try and use these fees collected from those who are affected, for the benefit of those affected.