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a \$2.5 million increase in our emergency protective custody funding, and this is, the bill, LB 1083, is very mindful of this, and Senator Jensen and the Health and Human Services Committee, I believe, were very understanding of these problems throughout all of our communities with regard to community-based or provisions for those experiencing mental health episodes under a emergency protective custody setting. So thanks, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I return the balance of my time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives off. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I've had a little time to think about this amendment and so forth, and I think overall I'd like to thank Senator Jensen and everybody for the hard work they've done also. But as far as the Executive Board next year, we don't know who is going to be on it. I don't know whether I'm going to be Chairman or not. But what I'd like to suggest or ask Senator Connealy or any...Senator Connealy, would you respond? Would you be against an amendment that would say that the Exec Board will make this decision in consultation with the Health Committee? Because I think that's very important because they're the ones that's been studying this over these last couple of years and they've got all the input, and most of the people on the Exec Board are really not privy to all the information that they're privy to. So I think that would be quite important. I'd like to have your response, please.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I would agree to that, and I would assume that would happen, or state that on the record that the Executive Board is our representatives when we're not, in body, meeting. And our experts in this field, within the body, are the Health and Human Services Committee, and they should advise, and then the public should watch this process. And those are the kind of things that we thought would happen when we allowed