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considering 96 percent of the probation's budget is personnel costs. Potential cuts, and I hesitate to do this publicly, but I think it's the only way to get the point across. Potential cuts, if they were to take this cuts, would be elimination of 15 to 20 county court employees; additional reduction in court hours, and, by the way, that is definitely the next step, will be reduction in court hours, particularly across the state. They're already access to the court across the state but it depends...there's people being...filling those positions under contract so that they can have access, but they're not open all the time. There will be employee furloughs; closure of the State Law Library; elimination of interpreter services in civil matters; and terminations of child support referee in Hall, Buffalo, Sarpy, Cass, Adams and Madison County; and, as I said, termination of nine probation officers and four support. So that is a quick overview of the costs...or the cuts that will be made if we were to do this. I have much more detail here that I guess I won't go into at this time unless there are questions, Mr. President. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Synowiecki, on the Redfield amendment.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. The reductions in the probation side of this certainly, Senator Redfield, concern me, as you can probably imagine, in the sense that we will definitely be taking a step backwards in terms of where we're going in our community corrections redesign and our reforms in that area. There's been much discussion here of the hiring of revenue auditors and how that equates to substantial revenue production, if you will, in our state; something like for every revenue auditor we hire, we see a return of \$600,000. Of course, that diminishes with the number of auditors you hire, but I think the same case could be made with probation officers. These are the folks that supervise individuals in the community. Particularly in the intensive supervision probation program, they are in the community supervising individuals that may have or could go to our penitentiary at a much, much higher end of correctional cost. I believe it's \$24,000 a year to have someone stay in our penitentiary. And particularly in probation, with the intensive supervision program, these