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half, about we need to stop doing things and start doing other things and, I don't know, it seems like it's kind of difficult to do. But I'm going to support what Senator Synowiecki is attempting here. When I hear again a long-term individual that's involved in this area speak, I'm going to listen. Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Synowiecki have expertise in this area. I'm going to listen to what they have to say. I think this is a decision that we should revisit. This is efficient, it's economical, and it makes sense and I intend to support it. Thank you, Senator Synowiecki, for bringing an amendment that's progressive and makes sense.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I do listen to Senator Dwite Pedersen, I have for years, and I have given him credit for a lot that I hope I have learned with regard to corrections and community corrections. And I do listen to Senator John Synowiecki. I serve with him, at the pleasure of this body, on the Community Corrections Council and, I hope he will feel, worked hard together with the other members of the Judiciary Committee to bring out a bill in which he has demonstrated his experience and knowledge by informing us about the possibilities of merging probation and parole. But just because I know, like, respect, and listen to the two of them, doesn't mean that at 6:09 on March the 30th I have to dive off the cliff and...like we did once before with regard to closing a prison facility, and just assume that we here tonight have got all the knowledge that we need in order to just step in and, yep, just close down an operation with employees and responsibilities and everything else. So, no, I'm sorry, I'm not interested in making a decision like we did once before that I know there can be a division of personality or a division of opinion on it, but the fact of the matter is we once before, in all our brilliance, one night decided to close an institution and we didn't and we won't until we approach parole and probation, and sentencing, and maximum incarceration, and minimum incarceration, and community corrections with a comprehensive plan, which is what this body put in place in