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response to the community corrections working group and the passage of LB 46. I'm sorry that every great fun thing that satisfies somebody can't happen on a dime, but sometimes you have to spend a lot of time over many months in a lot of dull, boring meetings, looking at a lot of paper, doing a lot of "unfun" things to have a plan in order to make it work together. We are now, for the first time in years, below our target maximum security population of 130 percent. That did not just happen because somebody jumped up and had an opinion based on their personal experience. It happened because a lot of people worked together to bring about some structural reform with regard to, for instance, parole, and now we're reaping the benefit. Senator Synowiecki is one of the hard-working members of the Community Corrections Council that meets on a monthly basis to develop a plan to integrate all of this together. I admit that some of it is not wholly within the jurisdiction of the Community Corrections Council, but the reason you have 27 percent of your prison population as substance abusers and the judges just keep sending them is because nobody has ever put together a comprehensive, integrated plan that works to achieve all of the multiple objectives that we need to achieve in order to save money and serve the population and serve the people and the public safety. I simply don't think this is the way you go about it. That doesn't mean the Work Ethic Camp should never close. Doesn't mean that Lincoln Correctional Center should never close. But you got to have more than just an idea and a desire...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...to do it some night when you're in the mood. And so I urge us not to adopt the Synowiecki amendment and to make this a part of the process as we go forward trying to solve all the problems that Senator Dwite Pedersen and Senator John Synowiecki have done much to shine the light of truth upon. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Synowiecki, on your amendment, and this will be your third time, Senator.