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the law, and that's the A bill or, in this case, the budget bill. So whatever is in the statute sometimes will show that a Legislature has not been prudent. These counties are always trying to get the state to assume their responsibilities. When they are going to bring trifling charges against people, when prosecutors are not going to exercise good judgment, and judges are going to go along with the program, and they have all these people sitting in the county jails, that's something these counties can rectify--their county attorney, their judges, and their local law enforcement. When they pick up a lot of people because they don't like them and can get them convicted, part of the cost of that is going to be that they have to support and provide for these people while they sit in that county jail. I'm not going to support this amendment. I have not supported this idea of reimbursing the counties for anything. They're not doing the state a favor. The state's doing them a favor. It creates a receptacle in Lincoln, Tecumseh, York, and other places for the counties to dump the people they don't want in their counties. The counties are not paying to have their inmates put in the state prison, and the state system doesn't determine which people are going to wind up down there. Counties do that. Crimes are prosecuted in the courts of the county. Let them...um-hum. Let them use some...I thought Senator Stuthman was disagreeing, but he said uh-uh, but he was just clearing his throat. So when he said uh-uh, I thought I should say um-hum to let him know that, you know, I was aware of what he said and I disagreed. I oppose...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...what is being presented here. And at last I can feel the pleasure that my colleagues have felt when they say that against everything that I've brought, almost, today. I oppose this. I oppose this. I oppose this. I hate this. (Laugh) I listen. And I don't hate what Senator Stuthman is offering, but I oppose this. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the