would love to vote for Senator Stuthman's..."love" is probably
the wrong word, as Baxter Black said this noon in a commercial,
but for lack of a better word, I would like very much to vote
for your amendment. But with the situation with the dollars,
perhaps can't do this. But I certainly want to remain this and
we can look at this maybe next year or the next year and up the
dollars. But as Senator Pederson said, right now it may be
difficult.   But Senator Stuthman is actually absolutely on the
right track here. It's dollars are owed by the state to the
counties. And we debated it on the floor over and over and over
again by the hour, Senator Kristensen, it was LB 695 at the
time. And it was just a...we finally got it through. And how
it come about, how it really came about is the sheriffs came
down and we had a hearing, public hearing one night at 7:00 in
Judiciary.   And it wasn't easy, but we finally got it through.
And it took a couple of years, but it made it, and it was
working quite well until...all is well not always ends up well.
But anyway, that's how it got started. The state owes it, and I
don't know what else to say. I think we all know how it works
and why it's there.   It's the state's obligation as the
prisoners become convicted...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...and are sentenced. That's all I'm going
to say, I think--the state's obligation. Anyway, I'll give the
rest of my time and I thank Senator Stuthman for his two
minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Stuthman, would you like to finish
your time?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Am I still back on my time, or...?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You're back on your time.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam President.
This is a real concern of mine, and I think we got to look at
this as, you know, what we pass down here, is that what we want
to pass? Are we obligated to it or are we going to the next
year change it and the next year change it or not fulfill our