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enacted several years ago in the bill, not to exceed that amount. So what I'm just doing is I'm just requesting the amount of dollars, like a \$411,000 increase, from \$3.501 to \$3,910,000. That's what I'm requesting with my amendment. So I'd be happy to answer any questions. I have a lot of illustrations. I've done...I've had some help with this from the Fiscal Office on counties that have received the majority of their request, but they're counties that had inmates in the first two quarters of the year. I'll give you an example. Antelope County had claims in the first two quarters, was totally subsidized. Then we have some other counties that received very little bit subsidy. I'll give you Madison County. Madison County had request in the first two quarters, the first quarter of \$75,000; received \$74,000. The second quarter requested for \$120,000; received \$120,000. The third quarter requested for \$66,000 and only received \$4,000. And that's just the first three quarters. They won't be getting any money the fourth quarter. And if there's a county that has a lot of state inmates in the last quarter of the year, will not get reimbursed for what I think should have been a state's obligation. realistically, in the first three quarters of this year, the counties are short about \$1.8 million in the request. I'm not asking for a lot of money. I'm just asking that the appropriations part of it would get up to the amount not to exceed the amount that was put in a bill several years ago. I know they don't have to go up that amount if they don't want to. But what does it mean when we have initiated a bill to reimburse counties for the state inmates? So with that, I'll close with my comments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I would like to ask the support of this body. I know it's not a lot of dollars, but yet a few dollars here and there do add up to a lot of dollars. But I am requesting that we go up to that mark of the \$3.9 million, and go from there. So those are my comments right now and I would try to answer any questions if some have it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. You've heard the opening on AM1470. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Byars,