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corrections facilities are located. But because of timing, the county, Lancaster County, Douglas County, does take control of these prisoners until such time as they can be transferred to a state-run facility. That can take days. It can take weeks. It can take months. And in the meantime, the county is required to pay the care and maintenance of those prisoners. The state should be paying this money back to the counties. As was said earlier, this is a property tax issue. I appreciate Senator Byars...I would appreciate Senator Byars' comments on Lancaster County not paying their disability patients because of lack of money and that you wanted some reassurance. Well, obviously you know that it has to be a board thing. It cannot be one member calling you. Otherwise, I know where I can get ahold of a county board member really fast. But one person cannot give you that assurance. They do have a staff meeting in the morning and they have their regular board meeting Tuesday afternoon. So, unfortunately, you can't get that assurance while we're still debating this, so I would hope that you can listen to the rightness of this issue and realize that if the state would pay their bills to the counties then there would be money available to pay what you want paid. In Lancaster County alone, and this is up just through the third quarter of 2004, Lancaster County has asked for what they have due coming to them, \$355,000. They have only been given \$23,000. Where does that other \$332,000 come from? Unfortunately, it probably comes from the property taxes. So there is a lot of money here that is due and owing. We know that it is a money issue, but is also a due that is owed and it should be paid. What more can we say? You know, if we owe the light bill and we don't pay it, after a few months they shut our lights off. If we owe the insurance on our car after a few months and we don't pay it, they cancel our insurance. Why shouldn't it be the same thing for the state? This is not an easy thing for the counties to do. In fact, there is one particular pharmacy in Lincoln, whom I shall not name specifically; same thing has happened to them. They are the ones that are providing the medications for the state prisoners who are in the county facilities, hundreds of thousands of dollars, and I would sure hate to have to be that pharmacy manager and trying to keep everything running in the black. But let's just say, okay, state, let's pay your bills. Thank you, Mr. President.