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time and just they do not have the space, and it's trying to utilize spaces in the county facilities. We were fortunate in Platte County to build a new facility, of which some counties are also have intentions of doing and some have done. We're able to house all our own and those. We're not in a real bind. The problem we have is the responsibility of the state for those inmates, even with the \$35 a day, doesn't pay the whole bill. So the counties are paying the state portion of the bill. But I really think it's the availability of cells for inmates to be taken from the county and moved to the state correctional facilities.

SENATOR BURLING: Okay. Thank you, Senator Stuthman. I support your amendment, and thanks for your answers.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. (Visitors introduced.) On discussion of the Stuthman amendment, AM1470, Senator Kremer, followed by Senator Engel, Synowiecki, Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I pushed my light quite some time ago and, since I did, everybody said almost exactly what I was going to, so I won't repeat a lot of it, but just to say this really is about property tax. Because in the past we've tried to give some aid to counties, cities, schools, and everything to relieve property tax, and in the shortfall years we've had to...we've gone back on that word, and this is one area that it is very...a good example of that happening. Hall County has been one that's been hit very hard. I think their shortfall this last year was about \$120,000, and their justice system, the whole justice system, is costing about 50...about 50 percent of their budget goes toward that justice system and it's very burdensome. They're up against their budget lid. And when they can't get reimbursed for something like this, it puts a strain on everything else that needs to be done in the county, as well as property tax. So I'll just state again that I support Senator Stuthman's bill and thank you for the opportunity.