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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Engel, followed by Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, I agree with this particular amendment. This is in statute. It's something that we promised and we haven't fulfilled it because we didn't have the money. Now we finally have some money and I think we should pay our bill. There's certain counties that have a high, high crime rate, and I happen to live in one of those. We're building a new jail up there because we can't hold the prisoners we have now, and most of those prisoners are state prisoners. So with this, I totally support this amendment and everything else that's been said why we should do it, and I certainly agree with them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Stuthman, would you yield to some questions, please?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, I would.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: (Laugh) Senator Stuthman, I got a couple questions. I probably should know the answers to some of these but I, quite frankly, I don't. When do these county prisoners get on the state dime? Is it as soon as they're sentenced?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, that's when, that's when it would be is when the sentencing is done and they're sentenced for the crime that they have committed and the sentencing is they've been sent to the state correctional facility.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So, Senator Stuthman, if we have a presentence...you know, let's say an inmate, Howard, is in the Douglas County Correctional Center and she is sentenced today. So tomorrow, theoretically, the county would begin to get