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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Members, I've had several members call up and say they cannot hear what's going on, so please, out of consideration for the speaker and others, try to hold it down. Thank you very much. On with discussion. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I think I should let Senator Stuthman...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: He was not given the opportunity to finish his...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...sentence. The answer is yes? (Laugh) Would you respond to Senator Synowiecki's question?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, yes, I would respond to Senator Synowiecki's question. And I think his concern is, is we're all over the board as far as, you know, some are getting reimbursed, some aren't getting reimbursed. The problem that we have is that some of the counties have no inmates in a certain quarter, but we pay until the \$3,900,000 is gone. That could be gone in the first two quarters. Second two quarters, when another county just has their inmates then for the state, may not get anything. I would like to see a better solution of how to do this. Maybe it needs to be divided by quarters, the \$3.9 million needs to be allocated by quarter. That would make it a little bit better because the quarter would have that amount of dollars in it, where right now we've got the...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator. Senator Stuthman,...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...that was an awfully long answer to a rather simple question.