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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Oh, I'm...I'm...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I think the question was, did they submit claims for more than what they're asking to be reimbursed for? And I think the answer is, yes, that there are claims far in excess of that amount, probably approaching \$6 million. Now I'd like to go on with my own time. There was something that I would like to say in regard to this for clarification. Senator Stuthman, I think I need to correct you on what you were explaining to Senator Synowiecki. I think the way that the reimbursement takes place is that a prisoner, like Senator Howard is arrested...I don't know why we're picking on her, but anyway, she's arrested; she's put in jail for a state crime but she has not been convicted of that crime. So when she is convicted of that crime then, if it's a state crime, then the dating goes back to the date that that prisoner was incarcerated on that crime. So that's the date of reimbursement. So I just...I'm trying to correct you in that respect. I think that's the way that the allocation takes place. I'd like to clarify a couple of things in connection with this. This is not going back and trying to reimburse for something that...we have said generally we're not going back for reinstatement of things we couldn't pay before, and that's not this. This is to pay the counties what we contracted to pay them as for state prisoners, so that amounts to this \$800,000-plus. And the reason that it was not in the budget initially was the fact that when we prepared the budget we prepared it based upon the prior biennium returns, and during the prior biennium we did not have sufficient funds. We didn't know until we got through the budget process that we were going to have sufficient funds to pay this, and that's the reason why we now can bring this up. It is an obligation. Another thing I would like to clarify, and that is that the rate at reimbursement is \$35 a day. Now, I happen to know that from North Platte, where they had to house prisoners in Lexington because they didn't have adequate space, I knew that at the time we did this they were having to pay them between \$50 and \$60 a day. So the reimbursement was not intended to be an actual cost, because the actual cost of the incarceration of these prisoners for the counties is in excess of the \$35 we're talking about. And the reason that I support