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facility. And it is clear to me, from what Senator Stuthman and others have suggested, that this appropriation mechanism doesn't make much sense. So, from that standpoint, I don't feel inclined to support this amendment. If I'm wrong, why, please...please make me aware. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I agree with Senator Raikes to the point that if...we should amend the whole statute to make it more palatable and more equitable, because in this particular case it isn't. Now, like I said, I came from a county that we have a very high crime rate. We have..and it's very, very expensive up there. We have to, at the present time, we have to farm out most of our prisoners. But the only thing is, because we have a high crime rate, we're probably...we'll probably get more out of this earlier than those that don't, and perhaps the same way in Douglas County and Lancaster, wherever they are. So this really isn't fair, because those first come, first served, and that just doesn't make sense. So I do think we should overhaul this whole statute, as far as I'm concerned. The only reason I'm in favor of the \$400,000, or whatever that amounts to, it is in statute, it is money we owe. If it wasn't in statute and it wasn't money we owe, I would not vote for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, and thank you, Senator Stuthman, for being responsive and so forth to my questions, and I genuinely appreciate and, you know, on a certain level, sympathize with what you're trying to do here. But, you know, the thought of putting more money into a program that we seem to be all over the map on this thing. We've got counties receiving zero, nothing, from the reimbursement program. We got counties that are receiving full reimbursement. And then Senator Stuthman reports that there's counties receiving more than what they invoice the state for, for reimbursement of inmates. I think, as Senator Engel indicated, before we start putting more money into a program that seems to