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be all over the map in county usage, that we should first examine the statute. Maybe the Appropriations Committee can take a look at this during the interim and come back with a program that's a little bit more solid and I think a little bit more fair for the counties. The fact is we're going to put another \$400,000 or \$500,000 into the program and you're still, even with this additional expenditure, even with this additional appropriation, members, you're going to have counties going to come away with zero. For whatever reason, they're not being funded. You're still going to have probably the same counties receive their full reimbursement, and it's going to be dependent upon the time of the year, the quarter, and all these sorts of things. It's still going to be funded below the amount at which we get invoiced from the counties. And by putting this little bit more, \$400,000 more money, I think the problems will still be prevalent. We'll still have counties that will not be receiving any reimbursements. And remarkably, Senator Stuthman reported we've got a couple counties out there that are receiving above and beyond what they invoice the state. So until and if we get this program straightened out and get it more on a solid and logical base, and again, with genuine appreciation of Senator Stuthman and what he's trying to do, I'm not going to vote for the additional expenditure until we can figure this thing out. We're all over the map. And soon as we get a more solid base, more logical reasoning behind this program, I can't in good conscience vote to put more money to the program. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

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

SENATOR MINES: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on amendment...the Stuthman amendment, AM1470? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on ceasing debate on AM1470 to LB 425. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.