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up to that amount, what was in the program from several years ago. Those are the dollars. I just want to get up to that part. But I would hope we wouldn't have to utilize all those dollars. As I've stated before, you know, housing inmates is not something that I really like to do. But if we have made an agreement a couple years ago of a dollar amount not to exceed, then let's leave that right there. I do realize that this is...it's not very equal to counties just because of when inmates are put into prison. I think we need to really take a look at how we can structure this better. There may be a possibility if it's billed by quarters that it could be...could be divided by quarters, the \$3.9 million. Maybe that could be worked out. But I think we need to work on that in a year to come; maybe introduce something there that would make it more realistic and equal to all counties. Because I think, you know, some counties that have their inmates the last quarter of the year, their property owners are paying the full bill for something that is an obligation of the state, and I respect that. So I think that's what we've got to be concerned with. There is a lot of room for improvement here, a lot of room,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...but I think it can be done. Maybe it needs to be divided into quarters and then, if there's money left at the end, prorate it back to those that didn't receive as much, maybe another dollar a day, something in that fashion. But all I'm asking here is your support to bring this dollar amount up to the statement that says we will, the state, will not exceed \$3,910,000. So with that, I ask for your support and I want to thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. You've heard the closing by Senator Stuthman on AM1470 to LB 425. All members are present or accounted for. The question before the body is, shall AM1470 be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Have you all voted on the question before the body who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1475.)