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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm very much in favor of the amendment by Senator Brashear. This is intent language. Doesn't cost us any money right now. But we, frankly, don't know where we are with jail reimbursement. There's been no requirement that there be a reporting system back, so we haven't known where we were. This was a priority bill that I had a number of years ago. Senator Cudaback had introduced the bill, and I prioritized it, or it was the other way around. Anyway, spent a lot of time talking about it on the floor. The problem was this jail reimbursement has never been properly funded. We should either do it right or we shouldn't do it at all, and the reason, the rationale, for doing it was that, frankly, it was some property tax relief for the various counties. But part of the problem was that we never had enough money to fund it, and so they quit funding it. So we either ought to agree that here are the dollars we're supposed to pay and here's the money to pay it with, or we should do away with the program. But at least we need to know the facts, and this will finally give us some facts that we have been missing. So with that, I urge you to support Senator Brashear's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I respect Senator Brashear. I respect Senator Stuthman. And who else spoke on this? But I respect whoever that was, too. But I don't respect this program of reimbursing the counties. If they are not going to send in claims when there's a possibility of getting money, why should we think they're going to send in claims just to be a part of data gathering? I think this holds out a false hope, because with the way people in these counties think, if a hand is reached out to them, they will reach out their hand always palm up, wanting something to be put in it, if that hand comes from the state. There are some counties which would not have to keep those inmates in jail as long as they do. A lot of the problems of the counties is based on their own ineptitude, their laziness, their sloppiness, the slapdash way they handle inmates. They can look at their county attorneys who filed bogus charges on occasion. They can look at the