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prior, we're going to come back and we're going to have other issues that either have delayed implementation dates or future policy decisions that we're going to have to make. If this helps us bridge that gap for the time being and allows the counties the opportunity to work with one another and clarifies in statute what the Public Service Commission needs as far as authority for reimbursement, then I don't see a problem with Senator Fischer's amendment. I think it goes further to alleviating the concerns and trying to create a cooperative environment then maybe what the underlying committee amendment does. And to me, that seems like a step in the right direction. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. On with discussion. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I brought up the original legislation on this subject about four or five years ago. And when it was first presented to me, it took about two to three years to get all these entities together. And I noticed on the committee statement that there's several opponents to this this time also. But it did take a long time to get them together before I'd even bring it on the floor. And then we brought it on the floor, it took quite a bit of time but we got the bill through. And I think it was very important legislation. At that time, we asked for \$1 so we could fully fund it. But that didn't go so we're back to the 50 cents and we're finding out that we probably didn't need more than 50 cents. But the thing is, what I'm trying to emphasize, it takes a little time, I think a step at a time is fine. So I do go along with Senator Fischer's amendment, and they'll continue to work on it. As NACO has said, they pledge that in the event this bill is not amended or does not pass, that they will work with all of the parties involved to bring forth legislation in the upcoming session that is workable for all interested parties. In other words, they're satisfied with what Senator Fischer is doing. They're satisfied with the bill as going through. And they will continue working to make it a better bill in the future. So I think, as a lot of things do not, like Senator Erdman just said, it does not happen overnight. And I think that by letting more and more counties get together on