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probation under the judicial system. This bill provides for appointment of a compact administrator and a state council, the membership of which is determined by the individual states. LB 522 was drafted with the understanding that in general the compact language must be identical in all compact states with regard to substitute provisions of the agreement. The question as to how much the compact will cost for the state of Nebraska is not exact. It is my understanding that the national commission at its meeting in November of 2002 adopted a five-tier annual assessment structure with dues ranging from \$18,000 to \$46,000 per state annually. According to the dues list, Nebraska would fall in the lowest tier at a cost of approximately \$18,000 per year. It is my opinion, the bottom line is if we want to continue to transfer probationers and parolees to and from other states, we're going to need to join this compact, and I urge you to adopt this amendment which will allow us to do so. I also want to thank Senator Schimek for signing on to this amendment with me, and the bill which we offered last year, but this year we need to do, because we cannot in the future be able to bring people in or transfer people out of the state when it comes to probation and parole. This is something we have to do, people, not something that we just are trying to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. You've heard the opening on LB 46, AM0819. Open for discussion of that amendment, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, want to thank Senator Dwite Pedersen and Senator Schimek for the work that they have done in this area. Last year when the Judiciary Committee heard this bill and then held it, there was not the requisite 35 states to adopt it and bring it into force. This year when we heard the bill again why 40 states and the District of Columbia had enacted the compact and it is now, in fact, time for Nebraska to also join the compact. I think it was prudent to wait before. It's extremely prudent and necessary that we proceed now. It's...that's especially so because we would have a major rupture and disruption in our relationships with our contiguous states with regard to the supervision of these individuals at a time when we are trying to