

affordability of the entire 814 project because the court automation was a significant part of that. And you've already got the hardware out there, the AS400 is out there to make...to make all of the functions work on the AS400. So, one, if you do that, you affect that. Two, as I already mentioned, if you...if for some reason you choose not to move forward on the court automation system, you have the ongoing cost of the state continuing to pay Lancaster and Douglas County, like I said, \$600,000 a year is the figure that I'm citing from memory there. And those are some arguments to move forward on the whole system. Having made the decision before, and I know there's somebody that may disagree with that, how are you going to pay for it is the question we need to ask ourselves here in the Legislature. What has been proposed by both the Governor and the committee in the form of 832 in its original form and this amendment bringing it back to that, it's saying that we are going to raise court costs \$4 and the thought being if that's the cost of the operation, I mean, a lot...as within the user fee system, you're going to have the user of the court pay the cost of the automation program. To do that, to get the one...almost \$1.6 million, you need to raise court costs to \$4 to totally cash fund that. Now Senator Lindsay has an amendment to go to three. If you go to three, the argument of totally cash funding the operation with court fees and totally driving the system on a user...user tax, user fee, whatever term you want to use, it's fine with me, but if you go to three, you can no longer cash fund the operation. I would have an amendment that says, well, we're going to General Fund it but we're going to reimburse the General Fund with at least the \$3 if you choose to go that way. My amendment just purely goes back to the way the bill was introduced to say \$4 is what we feel it's going to take to operate the system. If you want to fund that with Cash Funds on a user fee revenue stream, you have to go to \$4. If you decide to go to three, you can't do it as you wanted to do it and still 1.2 million, you get 1.2, you're three-quarters of the way of funding the system and I can understand that but you can no longer Cash Fund it if you do that. But that is the next amendment. My amendment, as introduced now, would raise that fee to \$4. That is what, at least I am of the opinion that it will take to run that system and some will argue, as you are well aware of, the court administrator has come in and actually requested a 5 dollar increase, and I think that's excessive. I'm not convinced that's necessary. I think \$4 is what it's going to take and we'll make it work at 4, and that...I mean, some will argue that's not enough in and of itself but I think