

putting them all under the budget. I'm not saying which way is better but I am saying this body should have an opportunity to think about it at least for a while rather than quickly throwing something on to upset the apple cart. I strongly object to this amendment at this time done in this way.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the Chambers-Johnson amendment. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Unicameral, if you adopt this amendment you could, in effect, destroy the Enforcement Improvement Center because you are taking away the funding of the center and you are saying we are not going to collect this dollar. We are going to go to the general fund and collect this money. Now we have no fiscal statement. We have no idea as to how much it would cost from the general fund. We don't have any idea of whether the Governor would veto it or not. We don't have any idea what the Appropriations Committee would do to it and furthermore, in the committee, we decided that quite possibly it is not correct to collect the dollar from the person in court and also it is not possibly correct to collect the dollar for the judges' fee. So we decided, eight-zip, to advance the bill as it is, have an interim study to find out if there are other ways we should have the judges' retirement fund funded and to find out if there are other ways about the law enforcement funding. This is what the committee decided on and if you will look in your book it says the committee voted to advance without amendment, eight to nothing. So I ask you to vote no on this amendment, give the committee the opportunity to have the interim study and we will come back next year and if we can find a better way of funding, because I, too, do not think possibly it is correct to collect the dollar from the poor person in the courts but this is not the time to make such a drastic change on such an important bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, we are speaking to the Chambers-Johnson amendment.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, ironically I didn't see the amendment printed in the Journal and wrote out an amendment to do exactly what Senator Chambers and Senator Johnson are attempting to do. This is another one of these rare opportunities we have to correct some past mistakes. We are earmarking to the point where we have very little discretionary money in the general fund. Now Senator Nichol has indicated that we are changing the whole system. He has also indicated that we are in some way taking the integrity of the law enforcement improvement fund.