

tampering around with their own retirement so they didn't try to define court costs at the time and they kind of hoped people would go away and not try to tamper with this too much in the future. For example, there were bill after bill in the previous five or six years to add fifty cents onto court costs to finance this, fifty cents there to finance that. I don't know, we were going to build the State Office Building one time with another fifty cents on court costs. What you are doing then with the amendment as I understand it, Vard, is you are taking what is collected as court costs, you are putting it in the general fund with no guarantee that Donnie or Jerry are ever going to put it in courts or anyplace else. Now I personally don't believe that you can say court costs right now as we are using them and financing the place out there are really court costs but it has never been defined and nobody has taken it up to the court and everybody is kind of happy and all the amendment does that he does is guarantee that it still stays in the same fund. So I question whether you don't tip over the whole bucket if you go with Vard's amendment when you can't guarantee in any way that what you do with the money actually gets into anything remotely related to courts. I think this is a real good subject to have an interim study on as to just how far and broad those court costs are. The judges get nervous about it and they pay attention to you all during the summer if you are doing it anyway and kind of keep their attention worrying about their retirement. I personally question whether judges retirement is "court costs" but as long as nobody is challenging at this time, it is kind of safe.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: But you take this money now as I say and I will repeat it again so you kind of understand it, you take her, calling it court costs, throw it into the general fund and wait for Donny to say yes or no, he is going to give her back, and I think you are on thin ground.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pirsch. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't see five hands. Now I do. The question is shall debate now cease. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record.