

wherever you want to, to the Budget Committee for a public hearing and if enough information can come in to show that the amendment cannot be adopted feasibly this session, then the amendment can be stricken and the bill will be restored or maintained in its present form. This gives us the opportunity to test the water on the issue so what I am suggesting we do is to adopt the amendment and then send the bill with that amendment for a public hearing. At that time anybody who has an interest in the bill or its subject matter can present those arguments. The only way this type of matter will be considered is in the way that it is being done today. There is general agreement that these types of fees should not be tacked onto court costs and one place where Senator DeCamp was absolutely correct was where he stated that money to operate the Law Enforcement Training Center cannot be called a cost of administration of the court. The dollar that goes into the judges retirement fund cannot be called a part of the cost of administering the court. So we should deal with all of that but right now we have before us a bill that can not only correct some of the inequity and the impropriety of the handling of the court costs system but to ensure that enough money is appropriated to properly fund the Law Enforcement Training Center. They operate on a shoestring as it is. I am strongly in favor of the Center. I have gotten bills enacted by the Legislature that require other law enforcement types to go there and take the training. So I am for competent law enforcement but I am also in favor of the state assuming its legitimate responsibility and funding this operation. Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have left?

SENATOR CLARK: Four minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I yield that to Senator Johnson in case he has anything, then we can wrap it all up?

SENATOR CLARK: You may if you so desire.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Chambers, you were doing so well that I am more than prepared to let you have the rest of the time, unless you don't want it in which case, I will take it. I can see that Senator Chambers has ducked down behind the bench. It seems to me that we have an opportunity that we don't get very frequently to take an earmarked fund and to de earmark it. Now one of the things this amendment does is it literally removes the one dollar court cost that is assessed right now in criminal convictions for the law enforcement improvement fund. I have talked with Senator Chambers. It is not our intention, it is not our intention to totally eliminate the one dollar court cost and if this amendment does carry and the bill advances beyond General File, we on Select File will make certain that the one dollar