

have an actual affirmative incentive to push for the consolidation or merger of these courts and so that nobody is laboring under a misperception as to my ultimate goal in all of this, I want to see the municipal courts merged with the state court system. I also want to see a termination of the idea of using court costs as a revenue raiser. The courts are not revenue producing institutions and because certain legislators and others view them in that fashion you will hear arguments like, we got to allow this particular practice or that particular practice to raise money through the courts for some other purpose that has nothing to do with justice or the administration of justice. We are perverting the system of justice when we talk about courts as revenue raisers. They are not to serve that function. So I hope that by saying these things I have told you what it is that I have in my mind. I am in favor of the amendment that was attached. If it is not referred back to a committee and the bill moves on, I am going to work, by the time the thing gets to Select File to take that dollar from the judges fee for the judges retirement fund off of court costs also and I don't think the Chief Justice or anybody else will be taken by surprise. Nobody in this body is naive. We all know, those of us who have been here any particular amount of time what certain interests that some of the senators have would be and my interest is to purify the court system and the court costs structure and I am going to do everything at my disposal to accomplish that in the same way that other senators on this floor do everything they can to accomplish what they are interested in.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up, Senator Chambers. Senator Marsh, your light is on and, Senator Nichol, your light is on.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I do not wish to reconsider the amendment that was placed on this bill because I like the amendment which was placed on this bill. I also would like to say that we fund our share of the retirement for all other state employees with the exception of the state legislators, for all Nebraska state employees except legislators and judges. The people of the State of Nebraska receive the services of the judges. The people of the State of Nebraska need to be paying their share of the retirement in the same way that we pay for all the other employees with the two exceptions. All employees ought to be under this and perhaps some day the Constitution will allow senators to receive some share of the retirement for their expenditure of energy and time and effort for the citizens of the state but in the meantime let's at least clear up the judges retirement dollars and have it be on the