

questions and the questions were, well, is it constitutional? Now that we are doubling it, I didn't push it at that time but at this time I think that it would be unconstitutional to do this because all fines and penalties have to go into a special fund and court costs are supposed to be for the financing of the court which is the way they are justified. So I would just throw this out as something for you to think about, that you may be destroying the financing that is already there when somebody raises a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk. The Clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone LB 717.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I hope you paid attention to what Senator DeCamp said but in addition to that I have objections to this type of thing. If you look at the committee statement you see that Joe Steele, the court administrator, testified in an informational capacity. I have talked to the Chief Justice and I have talked to other judges and they don't like the idea of the court system being used as a revenue raiser for other activities that have nothing to do with the administration of the court. The purpose of the courts is not to raise revenue. The purpose of the courts is to dispense justice. It is to see that the innocent are vindicated and that the guilty are punished. If there is an operation like this training facility which the state thinks merits retention. The state should make a general fund appropriation to ensure that this activity continues but to load down the court system in this fashion I think is an unwise public policy. That first dollar ought never to have been attached in the fashion that it was. I know that there are people at that center who want to keep working so I don't blame them for trying to find any vehicle they can to attach their dreams and their hopes to. I think, however, it is a poor practice to load down the courts in this fashion. Remember, the only intent of this bill is to raise revenue for an operation that has nothing to do with the court system and I think the bill ought to be indefinitely postponed. I have been willing in the past but was unsuccessful to amend bills that were going through to ensure that the training center received an appropriation from the general fund but apparently those who say that they think this activity is important don't think it is important enough for the state to fund it. This is an improper use of the court system and for that reason I am moving that the bill be indefinitely postponed.