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increasing daily. Are there more briefs being filed? Are the attorneys playing more games? Are they trying to stretch things out? Can you explain why?

SENATOR LINDSAY: That, again if you go back to the figures, the cases are tried in the order that they are placed on the...on the...in the order that they're certified as ready for trial. Now, if you've got more cases certified as ready for trial, you're going to fall further and further behind, which means you're going to take further and further time before you get to trial.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, those are very good answers and what I expected. Now, explain to me number seven, the impact on the budget is minor.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, Senator Haberman, in my opening, as I mentioned to you, in the scheme of this budget that we're talking about, the impact, and I think I was straight, I think I said 200,000, roughly, it's maybe a little more than that.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Have you taken into consideration, Senator Lindsay, that when one judge gets an increase they all get increases?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Haberman, this is not the...

SENATOR HABERMAN: And the retirement goes up and it just keeps growing and growing and growing.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'm aware of all of that, Senator Haberman, but that's not this bill. I think it's the next motion up.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But this will have an impact on that bill, will it not?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, if...that's if you look at it, two out of, what do we have, 49 or 50 judges right now, so it would be...4 percent would be the effect, net effect as far as pay or whatever. But I think those concerns that you have are maybe more properly addressed to the next motion dealing with judges' compensation. Thank you for your answers, Senator Lindsay, I thought they would be smooth and down the groove but I can't support your issue. Thank you very much.

