

money to make mammograms possible for impoverished women, whose lives are at stake, but can, over a two-year period, agree to \$3 million to create a court system so that the Supreme Court judges don't have much work to do, and citizens can be denied rights of appeal that they've had under the Constitution since the beginning of this state. Priorities are being established now. And this is a sizable amount of money that's going to be taken out of the budget.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We can...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit. I still do not see Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers, your light is on, you may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we can talk all we want to about enacting laws for the good and welfare of the people. But when we have those bills that relate directly to the welfare of the people who need assistance of government most, we are cutting. When you look at provisions that the social services budget will call for cuts from, it is a terrible set of circumstances. But there is enough money to create a superfluous court system, one that ultimately is going to result in additional salary increases for the seven Supreme Court judges, 95 percent of what they get to nine brand new judges in an appellate court. And there is no indication from anything that Senator Kristensen or other supporters of this bill can provide us that justice, the quality of justice will be improved. They're not saying that a method of selecting judges is going to be put in place that will ensure a higher quality of judges rather than the types of political hacks that have always been selected under the present system. Senator Kristensen, nor anybody else who supports this bill, can tell us that these judicial nominating commissions, when they send a list of names to the Governor, will not deliberately include some ringers and only one person who can seem to be qualified so that the Governor has no choice other than to select that one person that those who are nominating desire to have selected. Which means that people who vote in secret on who is to be submitted to the Governor for a judge can have a direct tie-in to the person whose name is submitted. I'm sure Senator Kristensen would not want to amend this bill to require open voting when time comes to select these people whose names will be submitted to the Governor to be judges. I'm sure he's not interested in assuring