

that bill be considered...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even if we don't give a directive in the statute to do so?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, it would take awhile for that impact to be evaluated because, as you are aware, county attorneys also have discretion in the process, and it is possible that, if substantial delays result in the system, that they may revise their charging practices. It is difficult to say what the final impact would be on the judicial system in terms of just the judges. It will also have an impact on the prosecutors offices.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My final question, Senator Wickersham, I don't know if I heard you say whether or not you support my amendment. Do you support it or do you oppose it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, I do not support your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does that mean you oppose it?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no further lights, Senator Chambers, to close on his motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, it looks like this amendment is going to go the way of the other one, but, nevertheless, I think the subject needs to be broached this last time before a final vote is taken on this bill, and that's what I brought these amendments for. So that we can look specifically and directly at various elements of this bill and determine if we are of a mind to enact them into law, not by just saying this is a bill to improve the judiciary and give judges an increase, but to look at what the specific provisions will do, and although the discussion has not been as extensive or exhaustive or exhausting as we've had on other bills, enough has been said to give a sensing of how those senators who have participated feel about this bill. And, apparently, the feeling is that with the Bar Association's