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SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. I just want to rise in support of the concept of this amendment, but I, too, wonder if Senator Robak could bring it back on Select File so that we could get the language just a little bit clearer. But I do believe that it is a mandate that we are bringing to counties for the printing of these costs. I actually feel that the fiscal note is probably much higher than it would be in, you know, reality. So those are my comments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Tyson, on the Robak amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the Robak amendment and the simple reason is the recent history of this body has been to send costs to the counties while limiting their ability to raise money through taxation. If this is a half a million dollars, we have done other things that cost substantially more. And, again, we continue to tax the counties and tax the way that they can raise money. We have a number of other unfunded mandates to the counties, some of them of substantially more money. Courtroom security costs are only one of a number. This is a relief to the counties. The counties need the relief. I don't know about the counties that you represent. The county that I represent needs the relief, and I heartily support the Robak amendment and ask that you vote for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Chambers, on the Robak amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Tyson is responsible for this. I'd like to ask him a question, if he will answer.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Tyson, did you say that this bill will give the counties relief?