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LB 637A

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Sorry, Mr. President, members. I thought Senator Brown was first on that amendment. This reduces the amount of expenditures in the Supreme Court, under LB 637A, reduces it...I don't have that in front of me, but I think it's about 17,000...\$17,000 each year. Takes it from 205 down to \$187,000, the first year, and takes it from \$72,000, the second year, to \$55,000. So it's a \$17,000 reduction in General Funds, the two years, under LB 637A, and this has...within the Supreme Court. It's an...there's some work done on that since the time, actually Senator Brown did that. I was involved, but I knew that we needed to do whatever we could to reduce the amount of General Fund expenditures, in this case General...the Supreme Court, and I recommend accepting of this amendment. Maybe not reduces as much as we'd like to, but is an effort to cut this as tight as we can in the budget of the Supreme Court. So it's a reduction of \$17,000 each year in General Funds. I...if there's any remaining time, which I know I have, I give it to Senator Brown.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brown, you have approximately eight minutes.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, I support this amendment. We worked to...to...we realized that there was some federal money that we could offset the General Fund, and we worked to, as Senator Wehrbein said, tighten this down as much as we can so that we have a reasonable amount of General Fund money going in. And so I would urge the adoption of the Wehrbein amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I just want to say that I think we're moving in the right direction, examining these A bills. They've come down time after time here and we don't really pay much attention to them. And I do think we're making progress on this. I'm not going to introduce any amendment this morning on this, but I think we need to scrutinize these things, and we're on record as saying, hey, these folks are accountable now and we need to get these jobs done, and we're going to make sure that they are. So, with that, thank you.