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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend, Mr. President. (FA297, Legislative Journal page 755.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a bill which I did not oppose in committee. I don't oppose it now. But there is an element associated with this bill that my amendment addresses. I am very serious about this matter. I'm going to tell you what the amendment does, then I will go into more detail about it and how strongly I feel on this issue. On page 13, lines 27 and 28, I would strike the new matter, and I will read that for you so that it's in the record exactly what I'm aiming to do. And this is the language: The fund shall consist of revenue credited pursuant to section 81-1429. My amendment would strike that language because it's referenced to 81-1429. And the second part of my amendment would go to page 14, line 16. This is the part of the bill that lists the sections of statute which are to be repealed outright. The section that I want to repeal outright is the one that is on the sheet of paper that I sent around. On matters of this kind, I don't want anybody to be able to say that they did not have before them precisely what I was attempting to do. In the past, senators have put repealers at the end of a bill without explaining, first of all, that it was even there, let alone explaining or laying out the text of the statute which was to be repealed. This is the language of 81-1429: A Law Enforcement Improvement Fund fee of \$2 shall be taxed as costs in each criminal proceeding, including traffic infractions and misdemeanors filed in all courts of this state for violations of state law or city or village ordinances. No such fee shall be collected in any juvenile court proceeding or when waived under Section 29-2709. Such fee shall be paid to the State Treasurer on forms prescribed by the State Treasurer, within ten days of the close of each calendar quarter. The State Treasurer shall credit the money to the Law Enforcement Improvement Fund. The effect of my amendment would be to remove that \$2 from court