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And they do have to have a hearing process so that the public can respond when there is a fee proposal. So the amendment I'm going to offer does delay implementation till July 1, 2004. That means fees would not increase until 2005, because they would have that fall then to have their hearings on whether the fee should or should not be increased.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if we use that procedure as a Legislature, it need not come back before us again for any consideration. Isn't that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's really what they would like, in my opinion. Is that what you think they're interested in?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I would hope the Legislature wouldn't have to address this issue on an annual basis, Senator Chambers. I think every eight or ten years is often enough for those of us in this body to determine what the structure should be for their fee increases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, Senator Beutler speculated, and I wouldn't disagree with him, that the state may be facing the worst financial crisis since the end of World War II. Now, there might be some quibbling with that, but I think we would all agree that this is a unique set of circumstances that the state is facing, and that makes everything else subject to scrutiny of a different kind, and that's one of the reasons I am digging my heels in on this bill. It is not wise or prudent to bring this bill at this time since they don't need it. Why don't you tell them to bring the bill next session? Why don't they just do that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It's hard to pass bills in the 60-day session, Senator Chambers, unless it has priority status, and for most of us this isn't a priority issue. It's something...it's housekeeping that needs to be taken care of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it's a priority issue for me...