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side showed the finances to be far in excess of what the compensation was for...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...the county attorney. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I can understand Senator Don Pederson speaking for the county attorney in the district that he represents. But this is the Legislature. These judges could not tell anybody that they can compel the Legislature to violate its own principles because the court said to do so. A court can interpret the statute a certain way, but that doesn't mean the court is properly interpreting it. We have a responsibility as a Legislature when we disburse funds that are provided by taxpayers. And if a county attorney is so busy that he cannot tell the amount of time it takes him to handle a case, that's his decision. This is not something that just popped up all of a sudden. Other county attorneys have complied. Maybe the judges out there told these county attorneys, tell the Legislature to go take a jump in the lake, because I said they've got to pay you this amount, and based on what I say, and I am an imperial judge, I am an imperious judge, I am god in this courtroom, without realizing that his jurisdiction does not include the Legislative Chamber. Continuing with what the judge probably told this county attorney: they will give you what I say they'll give you; you don't have to keep...you don't have to document anything. You know what I've seen the Supreme Court of this state do, and I've seen federal courts do, when a lawyer would submit a bill for attorney's fees? The court would analyze it and say, no, you're not entitled to this, you're not entitled to that. And the court never said, you're lying. It's just that what you are trying to claim this fee for is something you're not going to be reimbursed for. We as a Legislature cannot be ordered by a court to give some money where we don't think there is a basis for it. And if this county attorney wants to establish the law on the subject, let the county attorney attempt to sue the Legislature, and see what court is going to order the