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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Brashear, your light is next. He waives. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I have a couple questions, and I would like to direct those to Senator Brashear.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear, would you yield, please?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: This increase from \$1 to \$5, this is in...the increase in the filing fee. And explain to me a little bit about, you know, the filing portion of that.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: A filing fee, Senator Stuthman, is paid by those who commence litigation in court. We are talking about a civil filing fee that commences an action. And this is a part of...and Senator Chambers has been very actively involved in this. He'll speak for himself if he wants to. But we on the Judiciary Committee have been looking at the entirety of our filing fees, where they rank in the region and the in the nation in terms of whether they're high or low. And I wasn't prepared to do it on this bill, but I have...I am going to circulate on another bill, where we talk about an increase in filing fees, how we rank. We rank low. And the total fee increase that's contemplated by the Judiciary Committee this year will still have us ranking at the midpoint or below in terms of filing fees. And so \$5 of this is being dedicated to retirement, judicial retirement.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So in other words, if I get cited for speeding or something like that, and the court cost would go up an additional \$4 then to...?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, it...I'm reliably informed that it would apply to a speeding ticket.