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pending, there could be no retirement until those charges are resolved also?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I think that's not an unreasonable request. Because ethics charges for a judge would relate to the office of judge.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The office of judge is administered for and on behalf of the people. So you shouldn't be able to retire from it with a cloud hanging over it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the reason I'm...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: But you also shouldn't be penalized without due process of law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the reason I'm not offering the amendment now is because I want to discuss it with you further, to be sure that there are no unintended or unfair consequences. But I wanted it on the record. And that is all that I have to say on the bill at this time, other than I'm swallowing a lot by agreeing to this: first of all, an increase in filing fees; secondly, dedicating that money to judicial retirement. So, until...I meant unless I say more than I intend to say, I shall speak not another word at this time on this bill or the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Stuhr, if I might, I just want to follow on the blue sheet a little bit. I've been trying to read it. And I'm sure I'm still not reading it right, but maybe you could help me a little bit. At the bottom, where it says deficits, assuming we've added on the Brashear amendment, explain to me what that right-hand column means then. The deficit, first year, \$726,000, what does that mean?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Stuhr.