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information. We have it in place. I think to end it and then try to, at some point down the road, have to try to replace it would be extraordinarily expensive. So I would hope I can convince you that we need to leave this in place at this time. Again, I urge your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the closing on the AM1818 to LB 407. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 20 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The amendment is not adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with AM1799. (Legislative Journal page 1715.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is one of those items which is connected to two bills. The Judiciary Committee has a bill related to fees, court fees, that will be increased. And what I'm dealing with is the appropriations bill, and I will tell what this amendment does. It would put an additional \$537,000 into the Attorney General's Office. I am not what could be called, by any stretch of the imagination, a prosecutor's senator. I watch them very carefully. I could say I watch them like a hawk. I had a discussion with the Attorney General and I was listening with a mind that was barely open because I am not one of those who jumps to the side of prosecution. But his office is engaged in work that I think is very important. The reason I am bringing this amendment is because I think when we are dealing with the core of an office or the integrity of how the office operates, those matters should be kept distinct and separate from any dispute, quarrel, distaste, or anything else we may feel toward the officeholder. We should never weaken or cripple an office