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SPEAKER BROMM: There are three facets of this problem that I am interested in. Is there also an effort to increase the funding for the advocacy commission to defend?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that will be done through an increase in court fees, filing fees.

SPEAKER BROMM: And will this be funded by court filing fees, too, these prosecutors?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, because this money was going to be there for the advocacy commission. It was freed up when I agreed to some court filing fee increases to fund the advocacy commission, so this money that had been set aside by the Appropriations Committee for the advocacy commission is now available for this purpose.

SPEAKER BROMM: I see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it's not going to increase the overall amount that has been appropriated this year.

SPEAKER BROMM: So the advocacy commission would be funded by the court filing fees?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay. The other thing that we hear all the time is that with this meth problem we do not have any...we don't have any adequate treatment approach. The judges are frustrated not knowing what to do about how to handle these meth cases once we get convictions of those who are the victims. Is there anything that you're aware of that will help give us more options with the treatment aspects of meth?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Those would be looked at under the community corrections programs, what is available in the correctional system. And other than that, I'm just not aware of what could be done.

SPEAKER BROMM: Sure.