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that all of this is a part of other bills to the extent it relates to court fees, and court fees, using court fees for this was not my invention. I don't know whose it was, but as I indicated to you it was decades ago and we're simply trying to fit into the situation we're fitting into and it was done in good faith by all the parties on this extremely difficult subject. And with that, I'll go about trying to continue to work on something that would be a satisfactory resolution to everybody. I appreciate your time and your consideration.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator McDonald.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Stuhr, could I ask you some questions? I think I've heard from the body and people that are on Retirement Committee, Senator Brashear and Senator Bourne, that we need to do two things. If we're going to increase the contributions from the judges, we've got to give them a little bit more in that fund. Also we have a deficit, and I think that, as I understand it, Senator Stuhr, the deficit, it's not coming out of the General Funds, it's going to come out of the fees. Is that correct? Senator Stuhr.

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

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, in the proposal that additional, if we raised the court fees, there would be some additional funds to be able to accommodate that amount.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Has there been an early retirement plan for judges up to this time?

SENATOR STUHR: No, there has not.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So the early retirement of 62 is something that is new, and I think I agree with Senator Brashear, that's probably a...I'm not an attorney but it's probably a good thing to put that step in there. There's no...is there no age that they have to retire, Senator Stuhr?