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fund this plan and do no more, at least in this session. I'm going to see what develops here in terms of whether Senator Beutler's amendment is going to be adopted. We, in our discussions with Senator Stuhr, we established that \$3 would adequately fund the plan, but maybe \$4 is the proper amount that would give us some cushion. Whatever that number is, \$3 in fees, \$4 in fees, I'm going to support because we have to do that. We have to make sure this plan is whole and solvent. That's our obligation. I'll do that. But I'm going to follow Senator Beutler's lead in this rare circumstance and do no more than that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. If I could ask a question to Senator Stuhr.

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

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CONNEALY: I've been following along but I want to make sure. The committee had the increase to \$3. I got that. And so when we strike...if we would strike this with the Beutler amendment, we'd strike \$1. But was the increased contribution from the judges to the fund in the committee amendment?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it was. As I said earlier, there...that we were planning to phase it in, 7 percent the first year, and then 8 percent the second year. And I'm not sure, I believe maybe Senator Beutler's amendment is the full amount.

SENATOR CONNEALY: And the committee didn't have any problem with them increasing as long as we were increasing with increased fees.

SENATOR STUHR: No. In fact, we also suggested the additional 4 percent of contribution for those judges serving over 20 years. That was in the original committee amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. If I have any time