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left, I would yield it to Senator Chambers.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Chambers, you have 3 minutes and 45 seconds.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Thank you, Senator Connealy, and thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, this is the form that the bill will take. The two enhancements will go away--the spousal benefit and the early retirement. The increased contributions by the judges will remain. The \$4 fee increase will remain, and that fee is on court filings, so you know what fee I'm talking about. The spousal benefit was not to kick in until '05...2005 anyway, so by removing it and the early retirement we simplify what we're doing here. The deficit, the shortfall, however you want to describe it, this gap is what we're going to concentrate on filling with this bill by having the judges kick in a bit more. The \$4 fee remains in place. We will have more than the amount that's necessary to fund the form of the bill that will result. But when we get to the spousal benefit aspect of it, it will not be necessary at that time to add a fee increase to anything. There will be some money there, the judges' contribution, plus \$1 of that \$4 which will remain in place. So what, in effect, will happen is that the judges will contribute, the \$4 fee will contribute, other things will go away. Senator Stuhr and her committee and individuals on that committee have been very helpful to me in arriving at an understanding of where we are. Senator Beutler's amendment created the opportunity for the bill to take a form which I think is more appropriate at this point. Senator Brashear has discussed what I've talked to you about with people who need to have that message gotten through to them. So I believe we have an arrangement at this point. And I appreciate Senator Connealy giving me those minutes, and my light is on in case I think of anything else I ought to add, but I'll answer any questions that you want to put to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman.

**SENATOR ERDMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I also rise to discuss this as a member of the Revenue...or Retirement Committee. Gosh, that would have been