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support of LB 760. Once again, I want to close by expressing my appreciation to Senator Mines for prioritizing the bill. I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brashear would now move to amend the committee amendments with AM1946. (Legislative Journal page 1857.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to open on that amendment to the committee amendment, Senator Brashear. AM1946.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This amendment has four components, and is part of the housekeeping that we're doing here. First, the amendment strikes the sections of the committee amendment that are related to the judges retirement plan, with the exception of increasing the judges' retirement court fee to \$5.00. The increase to the court fee is admittedly duplicative. And I've indicated that to you. But we include it in order that we have a self-contained bill that represents the proposals relating to court fees. Again, it will be reconciled at the Enrollment and Review process. And that's what...we've been advised to do this. Secondly, the amendment states, with respect to the fees that benefit the court, that it is an intent of the Legislature that any General Funds that are freed up or made available will be spent by the court for the Capitol law library. Third, the amendment increases the education and training fee from 50 cents to \$1.00, as I indicated, which was a part of the extended negotiations with regard to the totality of this bill, and particularly was in response to some discussions which Senator Chambers had. And that increase provides the court with ample funding to do the training, which I've tried to specify for you. And finally, the amendment strikes a cross-reference to a statute which is not affected by the bill or the committee amendment. And the cross-reference is unnecessary, and was apparently inadvertent. With that, I would ask you to support the amendment to the amendment, and stand ready to answer any questions you might have. Thank you.