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committee amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Brashear's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM1953 to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 1857.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is a minor technical amendment that I think Senator Brashear approves of. It has to do with Section 8 of the bill, which is the training fee, the education component of this. And the language that is used is "operational and training fee" and the fund is called the Operations and Education Fund, and what I'm doing is dropping the word "operational" and "operations" because I just want to reenforce the idea, which I think is the central idea of this section, which is that this money is for education. This money is not for court operations generally, because if it were, I would be against it because we've already appropriated money for the Supreme Court's general operations and we did very well by them relatively speaking. So this fund is designed not to be a supplement to the general operations fund but merely...I shouldn't say merely, because it's important, but it is directed towards the education of judges and their staff. So I'm dropping the word "operational" wherever it appears in that section so that it will reenforce the intent of the Legislature that this be an education fund. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the Beutler amendment, AM1953. Open for discussion on that motion. There are no lights on, Senator Beutler. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM1953 which is an amendment to the Judiciary Committee amendment. All in favor of the motion vote aye,