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that right now there is a federal rate of interest on this judgment of roughly 1.16.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SPEAKER BROMM: And our regular interest statute on judgments says 2 percent above that. But then we have this other statute that talks about certified judgments to the state that we can't pay for. So we haven't gotten to the point where the statute that applies to unpaid certified judgments applies.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, that's the point I was trying to get at. You know, if we're not to that point, then that's kind of like before you sign your name on that note, you haven't accepted it yet. But after you've done that, obviously you've got an obligation and, in my opinion, you can't go back on your word. And that's why I'm curious. And I think what you're doing, honest to goodness, what you're doing is the right thing to do simply because anytime any future obligation should become...the state should be obligated to, we certainly ought to have a reasonable fee put in there. And as you indicated in your earlier statement, this came about because interest rates were high and we were trying to get below them. Now they're not that high and we again need to get below them. And I think what you're doing is absolutely correct and needs to be done. The only question I have, and I guess only a court could answer that or maybe a group of lawyers, but can we do it now when we are on facing some kind of an obligation that we want to, in a sense, get out of? And that...I think, to me, that's the big question. I don't have an answer for that, and I don't know how anybody would rule. But I guess, you know, again I think what you're doing is absolutely the right thing to do. There's no reason why we should continue to obligate ourselves at this level with...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...interest rates the way they are. But the question is, can we do it? And I guess that's something somebody needs to answer, and hopefully that can be done. I'd also like to ask Senator Brashear a question. Thank you for