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AM3651, is that correct?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, that is correct.

SPEAKER BROMM: You'd be recognized to open on your substituted amendment.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This amendment is necessary because NPERS will need to do a number of things to implement the proposal before us, including some major programming changes. And it's clear that the agencies will need some time to prepare the opt in forms and other documents associated with this change, for instance, if a judge is appointed by the Governor within the next two months, since the operative date of this proposal is tied to the start of the judiciary term. So this amendment will make the operative date for this proposal July 1 of 2004. And there is also another minor technical correction to Section 9 that was recommended by the Revisors of Statutes that we received this morning. So with that, I do ask for the adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the opening on the amendment to the amendment. I see no lights on. Senator Stuhr, you'd be recognized to close. She waives closing. Members, the question before the body is the adoption of the amendment, AM3665, to AM3473. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Stuhr's amendment to her amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. We have nothing further to that amendment, so the question then is the adoption of the Stuhr amendment, AM3473, as amended. Senator Stuhr, you'd be recognized to close on that amendment.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Again, given the current actuarial penalties imposed upon judges for this benefit, the judges have asked for a change in the benefit and have agreed to pay for a portion of the cost