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you have any questions, I will answer them. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Open for discussion, Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm speaking now for the Appropriations Committee. We appreciate the consultation and work that Senator Chambers has done with the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has done with the bar association. This request is certainly within order, as are the others. I'll speak to them when they come up. This is a .1 percent increase in this fund, so it's a minor ripple within it. I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I was chatting with Senator Chambers a little bit about this, and I know they're three different issues. But I do want to explain, at least from the committee's perspective, some discussion that we had about two of these requests, and look forward to visiting with Senator Chambers here. But we did hold a hearing and we heard a lot of requests from the Chief Justice. And these were prioritized. And the things that...a couple of the things Senator Chambers mentioned here were not funded for a variety of reasons, but they were not the priorities. And so let me tell you the conversation that we had in committee, because while this sounds great on the surface, I think when you pull back and get to the details it gets a little more murky. We asked, since the bar association has been funding this minority justice study, I specifically asked the Chief Justice why we were being asked to tax fund it now. And he said it was his view that there should be a contribution from the state to it. I said, is there risk that it won't happen? No. This was just kind of his view that there should be a state contribution. I guess when we have private funding for something I'm a little reluctant to just give state funding to it because we've decided that it would be a nice thing to do. It wasn't a priority; it didn't get funded by the Appropriations Committee. The other question that I'm going to spend a little time on asking about