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SENATOR STUHR: As I stated before, those new retirees will pay the increase, I mean the new...the new judges.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. But they received a corresponding benefit for that.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I'm talking about the structural imbalance of the plan, as addressed under LB 348. Yes, some judges are going to pay a couple extra percent, but they get a corresponding benefit.

SENATOR STUHR: That's correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I'm talking about the deficiencies that's being addressed with LB 348. The judges are not participating in that inefficiency, or that deficiency.

SENATOR STUHR: That's correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Citizens that access our court systems, including the poor, are going to participate in rectifying that problem. Isn't that right?

SENATOR STUHR: That's correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Kopplin, followed by Senator Brashear.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. May I ask Senator Stuhr some questions, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you yield to a question from Senator Kopplin?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.