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better than anything this amendment looks like. But I think it's worth having the discussion. And I don't know how much time I have left, Mr. President, but...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Just one minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...I guess I would offer Senator Beutler an opportunity maybe to comment on my discussion. And more importantly, Senator Beutler, I'm interested in your primary mission. Is it to give the Supreme Court a thumb they can place over district court clerks to make sure that everyone is in conformity with the rules of the Supreme Court?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Beutler, about 40 seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Again, Senator Flood, I'd be delighted to respond to this, but let me do it when I have a little larger block of time, so that we can have a more extended discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR FLOOD: (Microphone malfunction)...Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if this bill has a fee increase in it, a court filing fee of any kind, I'm going to do all I can to derail it. The Supreme Court has come to me time, after time, after time, and I have said no fee increases, but I have yielded. And I made it clear to the Chief Justice, I'm not going for any more court costs or court filing fee increases because the court system should not run on fees. There should be a General Fund appropriation. Those fees that have been raised in the past were inappropriate, improper, and I plead guilty to having helped do something that by every principle I believe in with reference to how the court ought to operate I violated, not by mistake, not through inadvertence. My eyes were wide open and I knew what I was doing. In that area, I violated principles that I believe in, but no more. Senator Synowiecki has a bill that's going to try to raise fees, and I've always...already made it clear--no way. The judiciary is one of the three branches of this government. I am offended,