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not just at the current Appropriations Committee, so I don't want anybody to take personal umbrage, I'm offended that the Appropriations Committee has not assumed the responsibility that it ought to have to make sure that the government is funded in the way it should be. No Appropriations Committee has ever insisted that the Governor or the executive department find a way to operate on the basis of fees. We appropriate money. The Legislature does not operate on the basis of fees, charging a fee for every use of various rooms in this building and any other way that money can be hustled from the public. We appropriate money. The courts are there to administer the law and to provide equal justice. Even though members of the judiciary often fall woefully short in the discharging of their duties, those are individuals and the judiciary as an institution should not be harmed thereby as far as how the Legislature treats it. If Senator Beutler is successful, his aim is to change the system itself. When the system is to be changed, any cost ought to come by way of a General Fund appropriation and not an increase in fees. Even individuals who may have no occasion to go to court help underwrite the court through the payment of taxes. But that tax money that should be used to underwrite the operation of the courts will go for other things. And they say, since the court has a way to gouge the public through fees, let that be done. But I'm going to stop it, and I believe that I can.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm as serious as a heart attack about this. Senator Beutler's plan has merit, but all of that goes out the window when fees are going to be raised to do that. I'm going to listen to the discussion, but my mind is not going to be changed with reference to increasing court costs, fees, whether filing or any other type of fee, by any amount. I was even misled, not intentionally, when I agreed to one fee increase, because I was not made aware that it would apply to traffic tickets. Then, after I had made my agreement, I was told, well, that's where most of the fees will come from. So traffic tickets would have the fee increased also. No more. Thank you, Mr. President.