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sunset date was put on by the Judiciary Committee, and it was to expire, as I said, June 30th, 1997. I'm asking that we pull this bill from committee and to be able to debate it on the floor for the purpose of justifying a continued court automation fee of three dollars. As I said, again, it will be...to replace this amount of money, it will take \$1,100,000, thereabouts, approximately, to continue it, which would have to come from the General Fund. It is working like it originally said. Many are going on-line. As Senator Moore said at the time, it is an ongoing situation. It's something that we have to continue to do. I do have maps that I was not intending to pass out at this time, but I will upon request, showing what has happened statewide. Fourteen counties are on it. Many, many other counties are...34 other counties, I believe, are using some form of the software. Douglas County will be coming on fairly soon. Most counties are using it in some form or another is my summary. Counties can use the AS400 to send e-mail to other counties, or to state mainframe users. More than 50 counties use one or more third party applications for such functions as accounts payable, driver's license, voter registration, payroll, and register of deed functions. That's in addition to the vehicle title and registration and a substantial number of others in county...that counties are using. All 93 counties now use this for vehicle titles, and all but Douglas County use the VTR system...that's the vehicle registration...for registration. And DVM (sic) and the Douglas County Treasurer have started active planning to implement the registration functions in Douglas County as well. My point is that it's broad application statewide, I think it is necessary to continue this fee, and I urge your consideration to bring it from committee. It needs 30 votes to do so today. I realize I'm taking somewhat of a risk because there's only 40 here. On the other hand, I've noticed we've not been much above that many days, so it's imperative that I proceed with this vote today to try to pull it from committee. I would urge you even if you're on the fence about this to strongly considering doing so that at least it can be there to be heard as we go down the road, as we further develop the budget that the Appropriations Committee has finalized in its first phase, by the way, yesterday. You'll be getting a report on that this next week. But a million and one dollars, even in the situation that we're in today, is quite a bit additional money that will have to come out of General Funds