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if we do not use this present, successful, approach, I think, to the court automation fee. I have what all the court...costs across the state are as part of the court costs that are generated. It comes, primarily, from traffic cases, by the way, and...but all courts impose it and it is also imposed on some civil cases...on civil cases. But it...the primary source is on traffic cases and other small criminal cases that are the predominance of what the court does in the state. The reason I say we're going to have to put in General Funds if this does not happen here is because it will also cause a loss of federal funds in this area of the automation that they are presently funding quite extensively, too. About \$1,300,000 comes from federal funds in this. So, we would run the high risk of losing the whole system that we worked so hard to put together in the last four or five years if we were not to do this. And so I would urge your strong consideration of this, at least to get it on the floor so that we can talk about it. I've never asked to pull a bill from committee before, but I feel quite strongly that this is something that we need to do to act financially responsible. And so, I'm urging your consideration of this at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers on the motion to place LB 216 on General File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This bill was argued during the presentation of testimony by those who support it. It was argued extensively during Executive Session. You cannot find any court administrator, who had that position during the time I've been in the Legislature, who felt that the court system should be supported by fees. I know the argument that I offered before failed. It fell on deaf ears. The argument being that essential governmental services should be funded through the general taxing power of the state rather than targeted groups. The constitution requires that the doors of the courthouse be open to everybody. To say that we ought to put this tax or leave it in order to raise one point something million dollars is not justifiable. Senator Wehrbein, we had some person from one of the offices or agencies which is putting together these programs who explained that they have tied this activity into other agencies' programs. I don't remember whether it's the Department of Motor Vehicles or