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accommodate the switch to the notice pleading system. Under the current budget appropriation that was sent to the Governor in LB 1309, the court can absorb the costs in its General Fund operating budget. However, if the Governor vetoes the appropriation made to the Supreme Court by a significant amount and if a veto override is not attempted or is not successful, then the court will need funding not only to accommodate the impact of LB 876 but to maintain and improve the JUSTICE software system. At this point, the court does not need this amendment and, accordingly, I am going to ask that I be granted leave to withdraw it, but I am bringing it to your attention now and bringing it to you at this time in order that you have had notice of it and we have complied with the rules in order that if it has to be brought back to you on Select File we will be proper in doing so. With that, I would ask leave to withdraw the amendment, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is withdrawn. Anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Nothing further on the bill, the question before the body is the advancement to E...oh, excuse me. Senator Kristensen's light is on. Pardon me. I was trying to move along. Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Brashear, I actually have a serious question. It's part question but it's also part a request. As we move to notice pleading my fear is that oftentimes clients, individuals, are faced with letters that get sent to the court that are rambling, often wild sorts of allegations about all sorts of activities. Under today's current system, most of those aren't taken seriously because they obviously don't state causes of action. They're, you know, they are obviously not complaints and petitions, as you and I would know them or expect to, and we don't worry about them. My fear is that the courts will begin to take any piece of paper that is signed and dated and has some allegation as a potential complaint and that can be an area of danger because the court may interpret that as just