

it is not really a court cost. In any event, you should know that court costs don't come close to paying the cost of our court system. So even if you are interested in the court cost paying the cost of the court system, there is a lot of justification for increasing the fees, all court costs fees for that matter, but certainly this one. And, finally, I would point out to you with regard to court costs, that it is used for a number of purposes already. Senator Johnson mentioned the Law Enforcement Center. I would also mention judges retirement system and the judges salaries. So it is not like it is a pure system to begin with. In any event, I would argue finally that what we are talking about is comparing it to the marriage fee and as compared to the marriage fee, again, with regard to child abuse prevention, it is a more specific tax. It doesn't discourage a positive social event, a marriage, and it does discourage a negative social event, such as divorces. So with that, Mr. President, I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the...oh, no, this closes the argument. The motion is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the Lynch amendment. We are on Select File. Twenty-five votes are required. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote. The motion is to adopt the Beutler amendment to the Lynch amendment. Twenty-five votes required. Twenty seconds left to record your vote. Please record your vote if you wish to vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to Senator Lynch's amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. We have now the Lynch amendment as amended. Do you have something on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, we are back to the Lynch amendment.

PRESIDENT: Back to the Lynch amendment as amended. Senator Lynch just moves it be adopted. Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Motion is the adoption of the Lynch amendment as amended. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Lynch amendment as amended. Please record your vote. Twenty-five votes are