

the area where judges are to be appointed in vacancy situations. The bill provides there is going to be 48 judges in the district court, 57 judges at the county court. It does not allow the Supreme Court or the judicial resources commission to change the number, in fact, only the Legislature can make that change. This is not an abrogation of legislative authority. Senator Abboud has a problem with the bill, as I understood, with one area, that is the appointment of a judge at the county court to serve in the juvenile court in Omaha in lieu of a third juvenile judge. That seemed to be his only criticism of the bill. LB 516 does not change the district court boundary lines in any way. This was originally a concern of many people, including myself and Senator Lamb. We fought against the bill a year ago. Instead, the bill assures that the current division of 21 districts remains intact. We are not reducing to 10. Actually, the structure of the bill is a compromise. It is an excellent compromise which, in my opinion, will work. It is a workable solution to provide greater efficiency in our judicial system. And, for those reasons, I support 516 and I would certainly ask for your vote to override the Governor's veto. With that, Mr. President, I yield to Senator Baack. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, you have two and a half minutes.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and members, I think that Senator Barrett and Senator Hoagland have done an admirable job in explaining the process that this bill has gone through. I think that by having Senator Hoagland and Senator Barrett and I all together working on this bill and trying to work out a good compromise bill that has good statewide support, I think we've done that. I think that the Governor's objections were very vague. I don't think he explained himself very well. I don't think he had really good, strong objections to the bill. So...I think that we've done a good job with this bill. I think we've put together a compromise issue here that is something that we can all work with. I think it is something that I've had a lot of input from constituents and things and all of the input has been very positive. They are very...they are looking forward to this bill and having this bill in place. So I would urge you to support the override motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: That concludes the argument. The question is, shall LB 516 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. If you wish to vote, please record it, aye or nay, on this motion. Have you all voted? Have you all voted who care to vote?