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but that doesn't happen to be the case apparently because District 21 is fifth, in fact, and all the judges in Lancaster County and all the judges in Douglas County, according to this sheet anyway, are working harder than he is. But what I think is interesting about this sheet is that if you look at the point totals on the right-hand side, you see up at the top point totals like 728, 728, 696, 696 but skip down to the bottom, skip down to the bottom and look at those point totals, 331, 338, 343, 394, not even half the workload....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that is not even half of the workload of those at the top. My point is simply this. This problem should be solved in one of two other ways, either one, you should redistrict because obviously these districts are not at all adequate because the judges aren't doing nearly an equal amount of work. Redistricting is one proper solution, and the second proper solution it seems to me and I would like to hear Senator Cullan or one of the proponents address this question because I am not sure what the answer is, but I know for example that the Supreme Court judges sometimes call in other judges to help them out and it seems to me there are some judges in the state that aren't doing a lot of work and I am wondering why they can't go for a month or two over to these other districts where there is such a heavy workload and help out for a little while. If we continue to pass bills like this bill, you will never get one of the two proper results because they will always find it easier to come in here and pass a little bill that helps out the two that are working hardest on the sheet instead of evening out the workload. So that basically is my main point. Let's redistrict or let's set up a system where one judge can help another judge temporarily for awhile and let's not add more judges and more expense to a system that doesn't really need more judges. It just needs a redistribution of the workload. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lewis. The question has been called for. Do I see twenty-five hands? No use calling the question unless you are going to vote for it. I do. The question is, shall debate now cease?

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Record.