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Then I look at Judge Fahrnbruch's letter. Judge Fahrnbruch says we are having a difficult time with our criminal docket. Well the court has the ability to assign more than one judge to the criminal docket. If necessary I suppose it could put all five judges temporarily on a criminal docket. In addition the court is already bringing in at least one other judge because Judge Fahrnbruch says in his letter that Judge Furman has come in from Fremont to try a robbery case. There are other district court judges that the Supreme Court can assign and can come in to help the Lancaster County Court, Lancaster District Court I should say, to make certain that its docket in the criminal area and in other areas is kept current and this would only be a temporary condition in any event. It is not as though I am saying this bill should be killed. I am saying that in terms of prudent, economic and judicial management it ought to be deferred until next year and next year at this time, surely we will have the results of an overall judicial case load study and we can determine what appropriate judicial boundaries should be and where best to put our dollars to make certain that the needs of our citizenry are well maintained. I would hope that you would vote for this motion. It is a motion to bracket the bill until next year. It is not a motion to kill the bill. It is only a motion to bracket. I respectfully move the motion at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the motion to bracket LB 89. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Voting aye, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Once more, have you all voted on bracketing the bill? Senator Johnson, I am going to call the vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 15 nays on the motion to bracket the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is bracketed. Are we ready to start on #6?

CLERK: Yes, sir. May I read a few things first?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, Senator Wiitala would like to print amendments to LB 3 in the Journal. (See page 1926 of the Legislative Journal.)