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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, as Senator Beutler and Senator Landis have, I've lived with this issue for a number of years now and it really is a question of efficiency and a question of whether we're getting the most for our taxpayer dollar in the judicial system. I don't really know that there is much I can add to what Senator Landis has said, but let me simply underscore the fact that we have a lot more judges out there than we need to and in the end we could get by with fewer judges and a much smaller budget for the court system if we could more efficiently redistribute caseloads. And as long as we have the state arbitrarily and artificially divided into 21 separate districts with an inability to move cases from one district to another in an efficient uniform fashion, we're going to have more judges, more court reporters, more court clerks, more courtrooms and so on and so forth than we really need and it's a question of taxpayer efficiency, pure and simple. Right now we have a Cadillac judicial system and that Cadillac is going down the road at about 12 miles a gallon, eight miles a gallon and what we need is a Chevrolet or a Ford judicial system that will do the job perfectly well and will go down the highway at what, Senator Morehead, 30 or 32 miles a gallon. I mean we are really being taken advantage of due to population shifts, due to a whole lot of changes. We're saddled now with a very expensive and very inefficient judicial system and that is what LB 516 addresses. If we can reduce ultimately the number of districts, consolidate districts more effectively to distribute workload around this state, the taxpayers are going to wind up spending a heck of a lot less and that as I see it is the basic purpose of LB 516 and I would urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT: In the Lion's Club we fine people for advertising. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I know that Senator Beutler has done a lot of work on this and probably some of the other attorneys and the Judiciary Committee has done a lot of work on it, but I don't believe we're quite ready for this. This has been brought up three or four times since I have been down here and I really do