

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, then could I ask you another question based on what you just said. Does that mean then that we have the three districts that would be formed and you were talking about in one area it takes 30 days and another area maybe just 15 days and so it should be equal, ultimately somewhere down the line could that mean that what we call outstate Nebraska could lose judges to come to Omaha or Lincoln or do they work within their district and redistribute the load?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, there is a two-level system. Within that large First District which excludes Omaha and Lincoln, the main function of the commission, what they will be doing 90 percent of the time is simply adjusting those election districts within the First District.

SENATOR SMITH: The district?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right, so Omaha and Lincoln will be excluded entirely from that particular process.

PRESIDENT: One minute of time left, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The only instance, there is only one instance where there could be an interchange between Omaha and Lincoln and the remaining district and that is a situation where there is a judicial vacancy, somebody dies or resigns or for whatever reason there is a vacancy, then in that instance the commission which has representatives from all areas of the state has the ability to say in which of the three districts the vacancy will be filled. So I want to make it clear to you that in that instance there is the possibility of exchange between the three districts.

SENATOR SMITH: So that down the line somewhere, ten years from now, we could end up with, you know, 90 percent of the judges working in this area and the rest of the state with what is leftover based on those kinds of decisions?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, you are talking theory now and I guess...

SENATOR SMITH: I know I am.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And my answer is, if you want a wild,