

have to give the commission a degree of authority, and the commission is going to be cognizant of the fact that the people are voting on these judges, and I don't see any way or any necessity of or any way that they would want to have any rational basis for doing away with the election districts or getting down to one election district or two election districts or any such thing as that. If they did such a thing, the answer is quite obvious as to what would happen, and what would happen would be they would be back in here in the Legislature and they should be...and they should be. The entire thrust of this system is to let the administrative function be performed first. Then if we don't like it, then come to the Legislature and let us debate whether it was done well or done poorly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll has one minute.

SENATOR GOLL: Thank you, Mr. President, I won't need it. Thank you, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Goll, and we now move to Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am not going to take very long on this bill. We have heard a lot of questions raised by some of our senators about the economics of LB 516. Questions are these: Where are the economics? What will this bill save? How does it affect the savings? Now these questions have come from senators who have not been in the Legislature for a very long period of time and I would kind of like to give my impression of what happens with the judgeship issue. What I have observed since I have been here is this judge in a given judicial district concludes that he or she, but it really is all hes because I can't think of any she that we have except for the juvenile court system, that he is overworked and he gets the statistics out and determines that, by golly, his caseload is a bit higher than the average statewide caseload. And so he goes to his state senator and says we need to have a second judge, and his state senator says, well, you know, getting another judge is awful hard but I will try. And so his state senator comes down to Lincoln with a little pork barrel piece. That is what it is all about, a little bit of pork barrel. Comes down to Lincoln and says we need another judge for this judicial district, and if that senator is lucky and if that