

senator is able to persuade colleagues that this little bit of pork ought to be done, then that district will get a second judge at a cost of \$100,000. That is about what a judge costs us these days, maybe higher than that, who knows. And people like myself, and Senator Beutler, kind and wail and gnash our teeth because we know we have just added a second judge to a district, thereby reducing the caseload obviously per judge, but we could have easily redrawn the boundary lines so that the overworked judge now shares a district with an underworked judge and we would not have had to add a new appointment. But it has been easier for us over the years to add another judgeship as opposed to redrawing boundary lines, because when we redraw boundary lines, we suddenly run afoul of the very conservative nature of both judges and lawyers. Judges dislike change. They do not care for new boundary lines because new boundary lines mean that they may have to drive a bit further to get to another court house. New boundary lines mean they have to deal with new personnel. New boundary lines mean they have to deal with new attorneys and, of course, lawyers don't like to see new boundary lines because that means that they may have another judge in their district and that judge may have a different outlook on them, their cases, their causes, their clients, et cetera. So the whole situation is a very, very conservative one meaning don't make change. It is easier in the end to go with the pork barrel, that is the new judge, than redraw the boundary lines. Well, Senator Beutler sunk his teeth in to this issue about five years ago and like a terrier has clung to the issue for dear life. Now this is not an easy issue to do because you really do run afoul of the judicial and legal establishment and yet it is the right thing to do. In today's times when we have to be increasingly cautious with state money, the taxpayers' dollars, we literally have to look at new techniques to economize, and one of the best techniques is simply to establish a boundary commission that will periodically redraw the boundaries, will periodically allocate judges in a little different areas so that we can equalize the workloads without having to simply hire new judges at the cost of \$100,000 per new judge.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: In fact it may be more than that, that is the figure that keeps coming to my mind as to what it costs us for every new judge we add. But this is a bill