

that that commission would have complete control. They could have just three districts in the state. There is nothing in the language of Senator Beutler's amendment to keep those 20 some districts in the state. He does set up three judicial districts. One of them is just Douglas County. One of them is just Lancaster County, if you can believe, and then all the rest of the state is one district, and then the power...this commission would have the power to change all those subdistricts within that greater Nebraska area and eliminate anything that they wanted to, get down to three, four, two, could even be just one big district, nothing in there to stop it at all. It says...he says if we don't like it, then we would have to come back in the Legislature, change the whole system again, and that I submit would be very difficult to do. So let's make this an advisory committee of people who are expert in the field, who will study the situation, enlarge those districts, make some districts smaller perhaps, move the judges around, make a recommendation to the Legislature, take the burden off the Judiciary Committee here, and then bring that proposal to the Legislature for approval. I think this is the logical way to go and I hope you will adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, obviously this amendment guts the bill. What I am trying to do is solve a problem, not avoid the problem, and what this amendment does is avoid the problem rather than solve the problem. I think that maybe now would be the time to take a little time and explain to you why, in my opinion at least, the present system is seriously flawed, and if you are interested at looking at some of these exhibits, I think I can prove that to you. If you are interested in taking a little time and following me through these exhibits, I think I can demonstrate to you absolutely that it is broken and should be fixed. In order to, let me preface those remarks and preface a review of some of these materials with a history for you, in particular for those of you who have not been here for seven years as I have and as has...Senator Lamb has been here seven years, too. Eight, nine, okay. When I came into the Legislature in 1979, a year after I came into the Legislature Sam Cullian was a member of the Legislature and I think Don Dworak represented a part of Columbus at that particular point in time. And they came to us and they said we need four judges in our areas. We need