

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Beutler, it would appear from what you were about to describe that what you are doing or you are proposing, rather, is the merging of all the outstate judicial districts into one district so that they could in turn divide up the work themselves a little more evenly and get rid of the inefficiencies and that sort of thing, was that what you were going to try to tell us?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, in a roundabout way I guess. I was getting back into some of the history of what has happened in the Legislature. Did you want me to go on a little bit with that, Senator Goodrich. If you would like to take the time, I would like to demonstrate from our historic experience exactly why what Senator Lamb is saying never happens, doesn't happen, and won't happen. It is a nice theory but in the world of political reality it doesn't happen. Okay, I told you the story of Alliance and what happened and how we created that gross inefficiency out there. After that happened, then I went down to Richardson County, I was about to tell you about Richardson County, District #1, those four counties. If you look on Exhibit C which shows those judicial statistics in 1979, and there are a lot of other judicial statistics that are giving you a more historic perspective, by the way, District #1 down there in Richardson County had a workload of 322, that was the point system, compared to most judges who are up around 500 or so, terribly, terribly underworked district, an embarrassment to the whole system. So I came in here with LB 386. I remember those numbers so clearly and I proposed to the Judiciary Committee and to this Legislature five different redistricting plans for that area, all of which, all of which were an improvement over what was going on down there in terms of judicial workloads. We tried bringing Otoe County down. We brought Gage County over. There were five different alternatives that were superior in terms of workload to what was going on down there and, my god, the whole southeastern part of the state just came apart. Wiley Remmers, it was his first year down here and he made a brilliant defense, he made a very nice defense, and he won. I couldn't get ten... I couldn't get it out of committee, I couldn't get it out of committee. When you do that, when you try to take a judge away or suggest that you change the boundary lines, that whole area of the state is going to