

Those that do show up will probably be concerned with taking exception to any of the requests made by the Supreme Court judges. Certainly, they don't want to get on the bad side of those particular gentlemen and I have a fear that they could be intimidated. I think the Lamb amendment is the least we can do to prevent this total shift of power from the legislative branch of government to the judicial branch of government. I don't think it is right, frankly, to delegate this absolute decision-making authority to the judiciary and without the Lamb amendment it occurs to me that that is exactly what we are doing. I know that Senator Beutler has had a real interest in this issue for a good number of years. As a matter of fact, it has been almost a crusade, I think, with Chris and I can't bad-mouth Senator Beutler on that issue, but I think the original bill was unconstitutional. Senator Beutler did amend it to apparently circumvent those constitutional problems. I don't think the state bar has taken any position on this bill at this point, which to me says that that is tantamount to a position against the bill. Even as amended, I think the bill is a concept perhaps whose time has not come and without the Lamb amendment the bill is a total abdication of legislative power and responsibility to the judicial branch and I think that is wrong. I think that is dead wrong. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson. We are talking on the Lamb amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Lamb's motion. Yesterday, if you recall in the conversation that we had on this issue, several of those senators from greater Nebraska expressed their great concern with the proposed redistricting plan for judicial districts. We were chastised for stating our opposition to that concept because we had some fears. We have had some contact from our attorneys and judges in our areas who have registered their opposition and I guess I want to reiterate that this morning to you again that there are a number of us who still have a great deal of concern no matter what the bill's fashion may be, but, you know, one of the lessons I learned in LB 662, which I was an opponent to, was the fact that there were certain members of this body who said to me and to others, you know, if you have got a better plan, show it to us. And I guess I have learned that, quite frankly, you are going to have to participate to make things happen. And