

as I have listened and watched these issues, I have seen that, quite frankly, our school systems are changing and LB 662 is evident of the fact that this body has felt that it was important at that time to change the way that we provide education in our state. Now we are dealing with redistricting of our judicial districts. Senator Beutler is bringing to our attention the fact that he feels that the system is much like the education system and needs to be changed to better administer the courts in our state and to provide justice to our citizens. And I have to agree with him on those lines. But one of the problems as an opponent to 662 was that we fought the whole issue off our backs, that we were never on the offensive and Senator Scofield and I have talked about that before, and much is the case in this issue as an opponent I feel somewhat naked in my approach to this issue because I don't have an alternative plan or an idea to provide Senator Beutler that would be willing for him or for me to discuss and so I feel once again that I am fighting off my back and I don't like that feeling. Quite frankly, I would like to offer something progressive to this body and to the judicial process of our state. And one of the plans that I am preparing is to go back to my district and visit with my attorneys, lawyers and judges, find out just what plan would be acceptable to them, if there is any plans, because I have been listening to debate quite closely and I have to agree with what Senator Landis and Senator Beutler have been putting to us, the fact that there is heavy workloads in some areas of our state, rather light ones in some other areas. And I am not adverse to change and progressing forward. But I reserve my judgment on this particular bill until I have had a better opportunity to discuss this concept and possibly some alternative concepts with certain individuals in my district who I think would be able to provide me somewhat of an alternative idea so that rather than once again being on my back I can take the plan forward and maybe offer some constructive ideas to what Senator Beutler is providing to us today. I would suggest you do likewise in case you do have an interest in this issue that rather than just arguing for arguing's sake, that you might have some constructive arguments to present to us as a body, and I certainly am going to try and do that because I feel this is an important issue for the State of Nebraska just as LB 662 was to education in our state. So with that, I would urge your consideration of the Lamb amendment but also to consider the greater ramifications of this particular issue.