

to do that. Let this commission come to the Legislature with their recommendations and we can act on them. Now it has also been stated that the Legislature does not do it, that those workloads are not adjusted as they need to be, maybe not as much as they should have been. Maybe we have needed this commission before. But we have done it. We have done it as late as this year, LB 287, which we passed on Final Reading. This was a bill by three of our western senators, brought it in here. District 17 had three counties in it, Scotts Bluff County, Morrill and Garden Counties. And it was the contention that that district was overloaded, that 16 and 19 should have more of a load. So what happened? We passed a bill which makes Scotts Bluff County the only county in District #17. Morrill County has been shifted over to District 16. Garden County has been shifted over to District 19. It is working. It will work. It will work better with his commission which will bring recommendations to the Legislature. It will work. We should not be delegating this authority to this commission even though if it is constitutional and I am not sure it is and one more time I will read what the Constitution says. It says, the Legislature may change the number of judges of the District Courts and alter the boundaries of judicial districts. Now I am going to ask for an Attorney General's Opinion on this if the bill advances as Senator Beutler would like because I don't think it is. His original recommendation, the original bill had the Supreme Court make these adjustments and the Attorney General says that is constitutionally suspect. I submit that this is also constitutionally suspect, but with my amendment on this bill it makes it workable. This commission of experts brings to this Legislature a recommendation of how the districts should be changed, how they should be changed to alter the workloads, then we can do it. To say otherwise is to say that the Legislature is irresponsible and I refuse to believe that. I ask that the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Lamb amendment to the committee amendments of LB 516. A simple majority required. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The house is under call. Members are properly to be in your seats. You are voting on the Johnson...or the Lamb amendment to the committee amendments of LB 516. Please record your vote. Please record your vote, members. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote. Senator Lamb.