

cutting costs, but I haven't seen any figures yet. I don't think that they will present them to us because I don't think that we will be able to cut the costs of our judicial system. I think it is going to become more expensive for us to run. And, therefore, I would just urge you to analyze this amendment very carefully before you vote on it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I don't want to be talking so much on it but I can't let some of these things go by without responding. Now to suggest that this is the same as the Regents or the State Board of Education completely misperceives the problem. The Regents don't have workloads. The Board of Education doesn't have workloads. We are talking about district boundaries that define workloads, that define as absolutely what someone is going to be doing, whether they are going to be sitting on their keister all day long or whether they are going to have their time fully occupied. Now that is a completely different kind of problem than what Senator Hefner has suggested. Cutting costs, cutting costs. Apparently Senator Hefner hasn't been listening. I described to you in detail how in the last six years we have added one-half a million dollars of costs to the judicial system, one-half million dollars of costs, five judges, even though the total state caseload...and look at the exhibits, the total case...state caseload in that period of time did not increase by one case, in fact, it decreased. So we added a half a million dollars to a system that didn't need any new judges. All it needed was some shifting around, some internal adjustments. Everybody wants to cut costs until it hits their area. Right? And that is exactly what is happening here. There is no area in our government that needs...that needs a shot like this area needs. I submit to you that it would have a very significant effect in terms of cutting costs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: That was the closing of the committee amendments. Anything further, Senator Hoagland? If not, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments to LB 516. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We have to have 25 votes to adopt committee amendments. Would you please record your vote, please, if you wish to vote so that the count can be clear cut here. If you wish to vote, please vote on the adoption of the committee amendments to