

modifications or an alternative system that would effectively deal with the problem. But what is being presented to you today is another do nothing stance. In the previous day's debate and the debate before that I tried to take a lot of time to point out to you factually, case by case, what has happened in the Legislature in the last six years. And I would just remind you one more time that we have created five new judgeships even though the total caseload in the state has not increased by a single case. That, to me, represents a total failure of the present system. Now Senator Lamb indicates that, yes, we changed district lines just this year. But we did that, remember, he is not telling you the whole story, we did that because we took a one-district judge out there in the west and made it a two-district judge and the work load was off the charts down at the bottom. The work load was so light for both judges and because they knew the Judiciary Committee was watching, they had to come back in and change the boundary lines. The question you should ask Senator Lamb, the question you should ask Senator Lamb is this one. Why didn't they come in and change the boundaries before they asked for a new judge? That is the key question, isn't it? And that is exactly why this system is a failure. They didn't come in and ask for a boundary change. They came in and asked for a new judge and that is what has happened time after time after time. And that is what will continue to happen unless somebody is making an issue of it, as I am now. The system on a year-by-year, day-by-day basis is failing, has failed and will continue to fail. I am not inflexible on the nature of the commission. I am not inflexible if you want to let the judges do it, or if you want to let the Bar Association do it, if you want to let some intelligent group of people deal with the question of judicial work loads. But once again, the system that we have now has absolutely nobody dealing with that question, not even at the local level. Who at the local level deals with the question of judicial work loads? If a judge is sitting there and only working half the time, who at the local level tells him to work more or to take more cases? Nobody does. There is no local control. This is not a matter of local control versus some state commission. This is a matter of some control versus chaos versus anarchy. Senator Lamb says there is a lot of cooperation out there. Well, you just have to think a minute about that, don't you. If there is so much cooperation out there, how come they came in for five new judges when the work load hadn't