

don't think we want to give that up. Also, Senator Beutler said that caseloads were dropping. I talked to some of the judges in my district and also some of the attorneys and they didn't believe they were. And so, Senator Beutler, if you would care to address that sometime this morning, I would certainly appreciate it because this is the information that I have received from especially in the northeast part of the state. Also, we have district judges and county judges helping one another now. If a case gets too heavy in one district, they will call on or some of the other district and county judges will offer to help them. And I think it has been working pretty good. Senator Beutler also said we are going to cut cost. And I just haven't seen any information yet of how we are going to cut cost because these judges will be traveling farther distances and I just think that all the cost saving that we will have will be eaten up in travel cost and keeping these judges on the road and motels and their meals and like that. And so I just don't think that this bill has been very well thought out yet and so I would ask you to kill this motion at this time. Kill this bill, excuse me.

PRESIDENT: Senator Jacklyn Smith and then Senator...okay, Senator Vickers. And then Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to speak against the kill motion and I am not sure what I am going to do on 516 eventually. But I think it is an issue that we had ought to look at a little more than we have at this point. It seems to me that we do have a situation as far as the work loads are concerned and as far as the uses of the judges of this state are concerned that it is difficult for the Legislature to deal with. And Senator Remmers I think mentioned that the committee or this commission would be making decisions outside of our jurisdiction to some degree and that is true. Maybe that is not all bad. Maybe they shouldn't be made under the political decisions that this body winds up making them under. But I do have some concern the way the bill is drafted at the present time. I want you to know that I do have an amendment that is drafted but I have asked for an Attorney General's Opinion on it as to whether or not we have to have three districts. It seems to me that under the proposal that Senator Beutler has got to us in 516 we are...at least the perception is there and I think it is probably a somewhat true perception that we are treating Douglas County and Lancaster County totally