

different than the rest of the state. So the amendment that I am suggesting and that I have got drafted would have just one district and then have all the subdistricts as Senator Beutler envisions them, election districts, apply to Lancaster and Douglas County as well. It seems to me that that would be treating everybody exactly the same and would put us in a situation where perhaps the work loads, perhaps the boundaries could be adjusted without the political considerations that we sometimes get into. I would remind you as I reminded the body a few days ago, that when we look at this issue, particularly those of us from rural Nebraska, we are lobbied a lot by the attorneys and by the judges, but I would ask each of you to look at those people who have contacted you and ask yourself how many of them are not attorneys or are not judges and I would guess that very few of them would be. At least in my case, most of the folks out there, most of my constituents really don't know where the district court boundaries are and really don't care. But they are concerned about the costs of government. They are concerned about efficiency in government. They expect us to be efficient and as economical as possible and I guess I think that is what LB 516 is all about. I would urge you to not kill the bill at this point and to allow a number of us to work on this issue and try to work this out in the remaining two weeks or three weeks of this session. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson. Oh, excuse me, Senator Nichol. The Speaker wanted a point of personal privilege. Excuse me.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Thank you, Mr. Clerk...Mr. President, sorry. Just a point of personal privilege. I understood from Tip O'Neill that Senator Schmit had a little automobile accident coming down this morning and was hurt a little bit. It messed up his car a great deal, but I think they took him to Lincoln General for a checkup. He has a few cuts and bruises but from Tip I understand it is not serious as far as the Senator is concerned but the car was pretty well taken care of. I don't know any of the facts of it, just thought I would let you know since he had a situation come up this morning so you would know what was going on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. A moment of thought for the welfare of Senator Schmit. The Chair recognizes Senator Peterson.