

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise, too, to support the kill motion on this bill. I don't know of hardly any lawyers or judges out there in the State of Nebraska who want to change the present system. They think it is working and they want to keep it that way. The effect of this bill to remove the...from public control is really what it is going to mean in regards to the judicial system in the State of Nebraska as far as I am concerned. I don't know what is going on here in this session, but it is disturbing me a little bit with a number of Lincoln and Omaha senators who seem to be...first we had 662 that they thought we ought to change the rural scene out there in the schools. A number of senators in Omaha and Lincoln also seemed to think that rural Nebraska is supporting Commonwealth and a number of other things. And I guess it is a little hard to figure out where they are coming from and now wanting to change the whole judicial system in the State of Nebraska. It is not going to affect district...or the Lancaster or Douglas County districts one iota but it sure as heck is going to affect rural Nebraska out there and I object to it. And I wonder whether it is really constitutional. According to Article V, Section 11, provides the Legislature may change the number of judges of the district courts and alter the boundaries of the judicial districts. Such change in number of alterations in boundaries shall not vacate the office of any judge. Such districts shall be formed of compact territory bound by county lines. That one section in the Constitution right there, I think, I really do think this is an unconstitutional bill and I ask you to vote as I will to kill this bill and let's get on to some other bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland. The question has been called. There are other lights on. I will put the question to you. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of...the question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Twenty-five votes required to cease debate and that is the motion, cease debate on the indefinite postponement motion by Senator Lamb. Do you wish to record your vote on the motion to cease debate? Please record your vote on the motion to cease debate. Rather than to dally, we will move on, count the vote and move on. Anyone interested in voting on the motion to cease debate, please do so. The motion is to cease debate. Please record