

were 295,000 filings, 10,000 fewer. Ten thousand fewer filings and yet we have added five judges to the system. So I stand where I stood before on the caseloads. They have decreased. In fact, I was arguing that they haven't changed. The fact is that they have decreased and yet we have added all of these judges. So I wanted to make that point clear to you. It is not my intention to go through and make all the arguments over again, although I would be delighted to answer questions or to clarify parts of the amendment. I know that you have heard it all before. I don't want to take up an inordinate amount of your time but I would ask you to at least put the bill in the form that was envisioned by the Judiciary Committee and then we can decide what amendments to that form you would like to see and whether you would like to advance it or not to advance it. But let's at least get the amendments attached so we all have before us the program that at least some of us would like to see, rather than the green copy which is something that nobody particularly wants to see. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the Beutler amendments. Senator Jacklyn Smith. Anyone else to speak? Senator Hoagland. Anyone else to speak on the present motion by Senator Beutler? Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, Senator Beutler, you have three amendments up there. What is your plan? If one doesn't go, we go with another one or are they all complementary, or what...what...how will they work in together?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lamb, they are alternatives.

SENATOR LAMB: So if this one is not adopted, then you will...would you...you wouldn't...would you care to explain what the alternatives are that you have in mind?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lamb, I am not in favor of the alternatives and so I don't care to explain them, frankly.

SENATOR LAMB: Oh, in other words, if this one doesn't go, why those are the next best. Is that it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR LAMB: We have not had time, I guess, to look at