

businesslike and it is remarkable the number of things that are suggested to us in that regard that are rejected. The Supreme Court is supposed to have the authority to administer the system and what is the most important thing to be administered in that system? The most important thing are the judges and, of course, when you are talking about the judges the most important thing is that the work load be distributed equally among them. But the court does not have that authority, nor does anybody have that authority. It is like having a corporation where you have a hundred of your most important employees and the boss can't tell them what to do. The boss can't even tell them...can't even divide up the work loads. How could you run a business on that basis? How could you run a business on that basis, Senator Hefner, Senator Lamb? It seems to me that everything that we have ever recognized in terms of our economic development, in terms of what we have developed in a hundred years or more in terms of how private enterprise operates, everything tells us that somebody has to be in charge of the main components of any system. Somebody has to be in charge. You cannot have systems where the hundred basic components each do their own thing. It just doesn't work and I hope that I have demonstrated to you and I hope you looked at the exhibits that I passed out to you so that you can see that not only am I saying that it doesn't work in a theoretical sense, but the facts demonstrate that it has not worked in fact. So if you want it just to be a recommending body, so be it. But I hope that you will put more pressure on than that. I hope you will insist that the problem be solved so it is not back at you next year. We can go on and on with this for hours and hours next year too, I suppose. But I hope that you at least force the opponents of this bill to come up with some good alternative system. Senator Lamb has indicated that he doesn't like the system where Lincoln and Omaha are set aside. Well, I am not bound to that. If he wants to come up with three districts that are somewhat akin to the congressional districts, that is fine with me. Senator Marsh has an amendment for three districts. If you think that makes sense, that is fine with me. What I am looking for is some flexibility, some way of dealing with a known problem, not necessarily any one particular way, just one that works. And I submit to you that a board that is simply making recommendations is not going to work at all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.