

three counties now receive federal funding? And if so, what percentage of their budget is federal funds?

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: The master programs in Douglas and Lancaster County receive...are underwritten 70 percent by federal funds, and those funds we are for sure going to lose according to this woman in Kansas City.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if this bill were passed in its present form will the percentage remain 70?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, statewide.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, how about taking some of the federal money that will come in and establish master programs in Hall County where they have Grand Island?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Under this bill the Supreme Court will have the discretion to do that if there is a heavy enough domestic relations caseload.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then there is nothing in the law that would ensure a master program for any other county in the state.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: The way...the law indicates that on page 3, in Judicial Districts 2, 3 and 4, and any other judicial district in which domestic relations caseload is heavy enough to warrant, the court shall appoint one or more attorneys to be masters.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I knew my time was going to go, so I had to build in an escape valve.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 14 nays on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.