

June 5, 1985

LB 171
LR 302

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, the question before you is the adoption of the resolution 302, isn't it, Mr. Clerk? 302, all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of LR 302, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The resolution is adopted. No other resolutions, we will go on to override attempts, Number 8.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Goodrich, Hall and Pappas would move that LB 171 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, please. Is there someone other than Senator Goodrich who is going to handle this? Okay, there he comes. We are on your override attempt, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, Mr. President and members of the body, I put the motion up there to override LB 171. We are not talking about the A bill, we are just talking about 171 itself. The Douglas County Juvenile Court had two regular judges and the one associate judge. The one associate judge, Pat Mullen, was appointed by the Governor to take Judge Caniglia's place on the district court bench and, consequently, it reduced the judicial staff there from three to two. The caseload in 1984 in the juvenile court, at the beginning of '84, they went in with 325 cases pending which represented 542 children. They also had 825 status offender children's cases for a total of 1,150 cases. At the end of 1984, they had held 5,012 hearings between the three judges, and if, for example, we leave it with just the two judges, that means each judge has got to handle 2,506 cases if we just used the '84 level of caseloads. However, looking at the figures for 1985, that is January, February, and March of 1985, which is the first quarter, the first quarter, if projected through the year, would increase the caseload, in other words the caseload this year would be a total of 5,644 cases, actual hearings, for a total of about 10 percent increase. Actually it would be closer to a 15 percent increase. So, consequently, the chance of two judges