

and I just wondered if somewhere along the line there would be a method by which the local people could have an input into this judgment process as to whether or not they should have a full-time clerk or whether they should share it with another county. Would you have any suggestions as to how we could amend the bill to allow the local people to have some input?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Lamb, right now, you point out correctly that the Supreme Court has to make an initial determination that there is adequate work load, sufficient work load to justify a clerk magistrate in a particular area. Now we have a centralized judiciary at this point. The county court system and the district court system are run administratively by the Court Administrator's Office in Lincoln and the Court Administrator's Office in developing recommendations for the Supreme Court, I am sure, will consult with and listen carefully to the perceived needs of the county judges around the state. And I would be pleased to arrange a meeting between you and I and the Court Administrator...

SENATOR MARSH: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...to discuss this further to satisfy any questions you might have. I think you are right that the Supreme Court has the authority to shut out a county completely if it feels there is not a work load demand for it but I think you will agree that we need to have some central authority making those decisions for simple reasons of efficiency, and it is important to do away with the current system that each county gets an associate county judge whether it needs it or not.

SENATOR LAMB: I would be interested in participating in some sort of conference. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Time. We have an amendment to the amendment pending.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Haberman would move to amend Senator Hoagland's amendment. (Read Hoagland amendment found on page 333 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the Legislature.