

tax and let me tell you you are talking basically about the same amount of money for one year or the rest of this year. So, first of all, you are talking about three or four million dollars to the State of Nebraska. Secondly, you are talking about a major concept change in the judicial system. And, thirdly, you are talking about the impact and possible impact to the business community to employers across the state. And most of all, I will add another one, you are talking about dependent children in the State of Nebraska. So you have several major issues and most of you should have definite opinions about these once you understand the facts. But please listen as the debate goes on so that you can make informed judgments on this. Senator Beutler and I have discussed this along with Senator Schmit and Director Dunning, and I would like to support Senator Beutler in adopting the amendments and advancing this bill. Now in some ways I have some reservations because once committee amendments are adopted, to pull out portions which you don't agree with can be more difficult and there is a philosophical disagreement here. I would like to ask Senator Beutler just a couple of questions if he would respond.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler is available.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Beutler, can you tell me how long it takes to schedule on the court docket these cases in Douglas County, Sarpy County and Lancaster County? What is the waiting period?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know what the waiting period is and I don't think that anybody knows for sure currently what the waiting period is because we have never made an effort to track these particular kinds of cases and we have no obligation right now to put them ahead of other kinds of cases.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: All right, Senator Beutler, do you also know how much time is allotted for each of these cases once they are in court?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Under the new federal guidelines, you mean?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: No, as it exists now.