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wonder if you would just help me. I've read all of the things that you handed out, and everything else that's been handed out this morning.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: And I just have a couple questions. First, one of my questions was answered, but the second one, there is now a vacancy in District 5?

SENATOR BEUTLER: There is now a vacancy in 21, I believe.

SENATOR CROSBY: Twenty-one. I was a little con...I was confused on where the vacancy was. Okay. The second thing, if I read your redistricting, as you sent out these maps, we end up with only one extra judge, because you combine those 5 and 21, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: And you add two in Omaha,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...in District 4. Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CROSBY: It seems like I had one other thing on that. The number of cases isn't always cor...actually equal to the case...to the amount of time someone might spend on a case, right, a judge, because there could be a case that would take longer. Even though he only had ten cases, he or she, five of them might take a lot longer than the other five, correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR CROSBY: When you start...when you start comparing caseloads it's a little bit of a...I have a little difficulty with that, and that's what...Go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the best answer that I can give you to that, Senator Crosby, is basically this, that the judges themselves apparently have not come up with a system that they like for dealing with the complexity of cases. However,