

through what, for me I think, is...is my definition of...of purgatory, at the very least, and that is hearing Senator Beutler try to explain why we need judicial redistricting and having the Bar Association, out in the Rotunda, give all of these reasons why we can't do it. I have gone through this several times. As we indicated the history of this is the only years this hasn't been on the floor were the only years when Senator Beutler wasn't here. And every year the message is, yes Senator Beutler, we know you have problems, but this methodology and this way just won't work this time, so give us time, we'll work it out in the legal community, and we'll come back and bless something. And every year that doesn't get accomplished. So what I did was I offered an amendment last year that, in essence, caused a sunset for the existing judicial districts. And the strong message that we gave, and, Senator Beutler, I appreciated it, had the message transcribed, had it available here, the strong, strong message was we, the Legislature, believed this is a problem that needs to be solved, we do not want to impose a solution on the judicial community, but it needs a solution; it needs a system where we can more economically spend our taxpayer dollars on judicial services, so, go forth and come back with a solution. The solution that the Bar Association has come back with is a nonsolution. As a matter of fact, it puts us status quo, several years back, prior to where we were before, existing districts, a judicial commission, but a judicial commission without any teeth. Heard a speech a couple...a speech this morning that I hope people were listening to, it's one that moved me not enough to vote the same way this individual did, but a message you should have heard. Senator Lamb, this morning when the appropriations bill came through, gave remarks to this body warning us that we're going to have to come to grips with spending issues. We passed a budgetary measure this morning that puts us several million dollars in the hole next year. Senator Lamb, Senator Chizek won't be back to deal with that. But the message is one we have to listen to. How do you grapple with that? You grapple with that by bringing more efficiencies to government. Senator Beutler and Senator Chizek are offering us a plan that can bring greater efficiencies to government. It will be interesting to watch people who claim that their favor of efficiency in government, to see if they do, in fact, vote for it this time. This is the sort of stuff we're going to have to do, and not just the judicial districts but schools, social services, mental retardation, Medicaid, all of these other things that we spend lots of taxpayers money on, we are going to have to come to