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have only had to work 248 days, in 1991 he worked 258 days when he would have only had to work 249. Caseloads simply do not...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...tell you how hard a judge is working.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We'll move now to Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise to support 1059, but not being a lawyer, for reasons that I think are worthy of mention right now. I am encouraged by the fact that Senator Beutler would recognize the need, Chris, for some kind of system where we have fair representation in our judicial system, as it not only applies to the people they serve, but also the workloads they have as well. And maybe we can, by supporting this, encourage you and some others to think the same way, some time, maybe soon, when we remember that the status quo, that we've already discussed at some great length, not being adequate enough, should be...should be set aside and we should consider the fact that we have three congressional districts in Nebraska now, and we should develop committee responsibilities based on those three districts. And so it's because of the sensitivity that Senator Beutler has for the judicial system, and reason for its change, and the fact that it should also apply to our own body, that I stand up and wholeheartedly support it, hope it's successful, and hope we also change how we develop the...the administration of our own...of our own legislative body by legislative districts, some time, hopefully in the near future.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Beutler, you're next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Conway, members of the Legislature, there probably will not be all that many who are interested in the details that Senator Wickersham and myself will be taking you into. But I think that it's important to understand the details, if you've not had a chance to look at some of these materials. And I would like to draw your attention, before this debate is over, to three of the handouts that I've given you. And there's one in your packet, it's called an illustration, the 16th, before and after adding one judge. It illustrates, in my mind, one of the major problems with having a lot of small