

last week or last year, we had a 12-week jury trial. Those aren't calculated in either. You have to look at the workloads. Let's look at jury trials where in Douglas County, Lancaster County, Grand Island, they are averaging one a month on jury trials. In Sarpy County they're averaging two jury trials a month. But if we go out to one district out in central Nebraska, you had one jury trial in 1990. That's probably, Senator Kristensen probably had more than that and he was in the Legislature half the year. One jury trial for a judge in an entire judicial district. I think Senator Beutler in his closing will probably talk about some of the other things that have been taken in consideration and that is he is going to point out to you 11 counties that don't have any lawyers. He's going to point out another 20 counties that have 5 or less lawyers. If you don't have lawyers, folks, you don't need the judges because that is who brings the cases. We simply do not have the resources to be spending them like this. We simply cannot keep pumping money into a system that fails to recognize that judges throughout the state are not even close on their workloads. I might point out some of the problems are not just between the urban areas and rural areas, there are rural areas that are understaffed and Senator Beutler's plan tries to take care of that too. I think we have to look at it, we can't simply keep doing what Senator Kristensen and Senator Wickersham would have us do and that is bury our heads in the sand for another year, move it back and let's worry about it next year because next year we'll come in again and say let's move this back another year, we need another study. That's what we've been doing for 30 years and unless we take the opportunity now, we're going to be doing it for another 30 years. And the problem this causes is not so much for Douglas County because we just got our additional judges last year, but for Lancaster County who is going to be coming, looking for another judge as their workload increases, for Sarpy County, for Hall County, for some of the areas that are having drastically increasing workloads, they are going to come looking for a judge and they are going to hear the same thing we heard for three years trying to get an additional judge and that is, hey, you guys ought to look at redistricting.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I suggest that this is a time to advance the bill. This is the time to take care of some of these problems. We cannot keep putting off the problem.