

to the Sarpy County Court, you may ask yourself, well, how busy are the county courts in Sarpy County? Can they help out? Well, what's interesting about this situation, if you take the 1992 workloads, caseloads, and I guess we want to talk about caseloads today so I'm going to be on the caseload track today, the least work, the next to last...the next to least worst county court system in the State of Nebraska was the Sarpy County Court. In Douglas County, in McCook (sic) County, in two other counties, they do 50 percent and 100 percent of the workload of the Sarpy County Court system. 1993, updating that, January through February figures, the Sarpy County Court system is the least worked court system in the state. It is tremendously underworked. In fact, you know what really should be done? And I'm going to...and now that I know these figures, I'm going to bring this up too. Why don't you just switch one of the county court judges in Sarpy County over to the juvenile court? Do you know, if you did that, the two remaining county court judges in Sarpy County would still have less of a workload than Douglas County and still have less of a workload than the McCook district? You could just do that and save yourself a little money. But will we do it? When are we going to do it? They've got plenty of help in Sarpy County. They don't need another juvenile court judge now. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, Senator Lindsay, tag. I appreciate Senator Beutler's comments and I can do that because I have I think consistently supported his measures that addressed the redistricting issues in terms of workload. Time and time again I have supported those to no avail. The issue that he raises with regard to Sarpy County doesn't impact or doesn't help the folks in Lancaster County or the folks in Douglas County and I'm talking about the kids primarily. I also rise, I guess, to kind of support Colleen Buckley. I don't think Colleen is a bad person. I don't know...I've never been in front of her as...I don't think she was a juvenile judge at the time I frequented the courthouse in my younger days. And I know that I have been an acquaintance of hers for over 20 years. She also happened to teach a class down at Creighton Law School that I...I took from her as a student. I think she's a wonderful individual. I think that she was appointed to be a juvenile court judge on merit. I think that the issues that are raised with regard to, as Senator Chambers puts it, whether someone, Ernie, should be paid according to