

not doing much and have that county judge come over and take over. One of the problems with that line of reasoning is one of the county judges in Sarpy County just died recently and there is...there is currently a vacancy in that division. As I understand the districts, currently there are three judges...county judges for the three-county district, and there's currently a vacancy. And I know we're going back and forth, do we accept or do we pay any attention to the...to the Judicial Resources Commission, or do we...do we not? And I understand the legitimate logic that...that...that Senator Beutler used about not going to the Judicial Resources Commission. But in the case of the Sarpy County, the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Jeffrey L. Campbell, the Resources Commission, by a majority vote, did determine that a vacancy exists in the office of county judge in the State of Nebraska in and for the second judicial district. And so that vacancy does exist and they have indicated that that is needed. They have examined the workload on county judges and they've recognized that a vacancy does exist. I know, in many places in the county, county judges do, in fact, pick up the slack or actually do serve as the juvenile judge and they do have the ability to pick up the slack and they do, in fact, do that in Sarpy County, it's my understanding. But everything we've been talking about here on the floor of the Legislature this session as it relates to juvenile justice is we need to have a different sort of system for juvenile offenders than we do for adult offenders. The judicial system in Sarpy County is a real model for the way juveniles should be treated in our state. They are not lumped together with adults. They are not treated as mini adults. There is a genuine system that the agencies that work with adults are, in fact, meeting on an interagency collaborative model, once a month, and are discussing ways in which they can work together to meet the needs of the young people, including the probation system and the schools and the Department of Social Services and the juvenile court. And I do not think it is proper, particularly when Senator Beutler's home county with fewer cases filed has two judges to deal with...to deal with the workload that Sarpy County has dealing with one case (sic). So I would urge you to defeat the...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...Chambers amendment and maintain what you...what you have here in...in this bill. Was that the time call?