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in the district courts currently, under the category of domestic relations, more than half of their cases are domestic relations. That means that the underworked county courts in that district can help with some of the district court workload, not that they need to because when you subtract a district judge from the Panhandle district they still have, according to the statistics, plenty of judges to do the work. But even if you were going to argue that they didn't, look at what can be shifted to the county courts, which are also underworked. If there was ever a case where a judge should be subtracted from the system, this is it. But if this body is not willing to push for that, if this body is not willing to ask on behalf of the taxpayers that we establish some balance in this system, then, again, it adds to the complaints that somebody like the "tax summit" has, a little piece here, a little piece there. If we could get rid of four or five judges in the system that we don't need, that's a million dollars. If we can get rid of one judge today that we don't need, that's a quarter of a million dollars or so. A little bit, but it helps. More importantly, it delivers a message to the lawyers in the judicial system. It says to them, we expect you, too, to be conscious of the taxpayer, to be conscious of cost, and to not be scrapping and fighting and doing everything you can to retain every resource, whether it's needed or not. In my mind, there is absolutely no justification for the judgeship situation in the 12th Judicial District. And I'm anxious to hear the defense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question because I had to step out of the room briefly.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler, will you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, the district that you're mentioning, is that the one where Empson sits?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.