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LB 89

we had 4463. Now that is a continued increase and it has been. In 1972 was the last year we added a judge in this district. If Senator Johnson had been on the floor when I was discussing this bill originally, he would have been very aware of why with fifteen statutes there are more cases filed in Lancaster County which makes up the entire Third Judicial District. It is entirely possible that the remainder of the state needs to have lines redrawn. You are not going to cut a county into smaller segments than the county line. You might increase them in some other locations of the state but for county court, district court, you will not have a smaller unit than Lancaster County. I explained why it was necessary to have cases filed in this Third Judicial District that cannot be filed in the other twenty judicial districts. The need for the additional judge has been known for a number of years. We, in deference to the single judge districts, last year withdrew from Lancaster County. Our increase, load increase has continued to climb. It is even more imperative than it was a year ago that Lancaster County, the Third Judicial District, be allotted an additional judge. I can appreciate the fact that both Senator Vard Johnson and Senator Beutler are interested in looking at the caseload in other parts of the state but I would remind you that the lines will not be smaller than Lancaster County. The fifteen statutes are on the books now mandating that cases of specific types be filed only in this judicial district. There is no question as to the need. There are many, many supporting statistics. You are asking judges to work sixty and seventy hours a week. They are doing it because they are continuing to process the needs in this judicial district but that is not fair. That is not cricket, and for these reasons, we need this additional judge in the Third Judicial District. Please support the advancement of LB 89 to Enrollment and Review.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor of advancing LB 89 to E & R for Review vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced Now before we get to the A bill, underneath the South balcony Senator Richard Peterson's mother, Mrs. Opal Peterson, his aunt, Mildred Holt from Madison. Mrs. Holt was long time county treasurer and also Senator Peterson's son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Donna, and grandsons, Shawn and Eric. Will you folks please stand so we may recognize you? Senator