

to be taken in places other than Lancaster County as some of them now are. We can vary the docket through some statutory law changes but we will have better information with which to work. It seems to me that if we are frugal and we are prudent, that this would be an appropriate motion for this body to adopt. It is to lay the bill over until next year and if at that time the need for the sixth judge continues to be justified in light of our own efforts, in light of our own study, then I will be more than happy to support it as I am certain that every member in this body would be. I would recommend that such be done at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, can we afford the risk? There is a strongly worded letter from Judge Fahrbruch on your desk. I hope you have looked at it. I am quoting from that letter. "There is a strong possibility that some of these cases will be dismissed because of the court's inability, due to case load, to try cases within the six months period. You all are aware that criminal cases must start proceedings within six months or be dismissed. The compilation showing twenty-seven cases already over three months old as of today's date and more are certain to be in that category at the rate they are being added. These are cases for robbery, first-degree murder, more robbery and sexual assault, theft and other serious, serious felonies. Can we afford the risk that delay may allow any one of these people to be released without trial? Can you answer to your constituents if our criminal docket breaks down before the next session? How will you answer if one of these persons is set free just because we in Lancaster County do not have the judges to try the cases? Any redistricting plan is going to show the need for another judge in Lancaster County and there is to be no attempt to divide a county into two judicial districts. We know this is to be, that a county unit will be kept as a county unit. Why run the risk of that delay, will allow people charged with crimes to avoid trial?" And I would like to remind you that the third judicial district is a unique judicial district. The Legislature has already passed laws that require many types of lawsuits to be filed only in Lancaster County. Do we have time the remaining days of this legislative session to change all that? Many of these cases involve serious constitutional questions that have a serious impact on the citizens of this state. Actions to enforce state and administrative board orders and appeals from all administrative agency decisions have to be filed here. There is not time to bring in new legislation now with twelve days remaining in this legislative session. That is an unrealistic