

Lancaster delegation. Others have arrived at the decisions in which they can support the bill and under conditions it is possible I could as well but let me bring to you two facts which I think are significant for you who are about to decide on this motion. Number one, the business of the state courts has remained relatively stable for the last three or four years. I am going to repeat that. In other words, the case load that district courts have handled across this state have remained relatively stable for the last three, four, five years. The areas, however, have changed in their relative, the amount of business that each of those districts has had. Now a number of districts have declined in business. A number of districts have improved or increased in the amount of business that they have had. We have responded to that by adding judges in those areas. We did it twice last year if I recall, however, the work load generally as a system remains relatively the same and it seems to me that if that is the case and if that is the trend we need to recognize that. As unfortunate as it may be from my own home district I have to come to the conclusion that Senator Johnson's motion is a wise one. With response to Fahrbruch's letter, there is a mechanism to get around that. It is available and it will be exercised and that is for the Supreme Court Justice to require district court judges from other areas to come to Lincoln and to hear those cases. I have absolutely no illusion that a major criminal case will go the length of the six months and then be declared an unconstitutional act or an unstatutory act and, therefore, not prosecuted because of time delays. Our district judges will not let that happen and the Supreme Court Justice, Norman Krivosha, will not allow that to happen. He will bring in district judges from other districts to handle the temporary work load of an immediate nature between now and next year. I do not believe that there will be any major criminal prosecution that will go the distance of the six months and then be defunct for failure to find a judge to hear that case. That is just not going to happen. In other words, we do have a limited amount of time in which to prepare a plan. Now I would not say that we can do that inevitably. I do not think we can do that perpetually. Obviously we are going to have to make some adjustment for Lincoln. It deserves an adjustment with the very facts that Bill Nichol stood up here and read. Our work load in Lancaster County is very extensive, however, to look at this thing as a statewide system there are areas where the business has gone down. We need to collapse other districts. We need to change boundary lines. We need another district judge here in Lancaster County but rather than adding another one, adding a baliff, adding secretarial