

services and the like totalwide to a system that is not increasing in business, it is wiser for us all to take a little bit of time to replan, redraw boundaries and to get that sixth judge into Lancaster County by changing existing boundaries and collapsing districts that are not doing their fair share of the work. That is within our grasp and if we wait from now until next session I think we can accomplish that. If we cannot accomplish it, I will certainly support a sixth judge. It should be there. However, if we simply add another judge to a system that is not increasing in work load as a statewide system, it seems to me that we are not making a wise and judicious use of state tax dollars. Wiser that we should reallocate work load and we should simply increase the number of workers within the system to take care of a constant demand for services, a stable demand for services. I am going to vote for the Johnson amendment. Many of you may regard that as voting against my district and perhaps I am. I am voting, however, for an application of sensible economic principles to a statewide system and I believe that we are going to have....

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the cooperation of the district judges and the Supreme Court Chief Justice, Norman Krivoaha, in the achievement of that end and we will save money and be more efficient if we do that.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce 27 third grade students from Weeping Water, Nebraska. There are six parents with them and Sharon Nielsen is their teacher. They are in the North balcony. Would you stand and be recognized, please. We also have 7 elementary school children from Maple Grove, District #29. It is Senator Remmers district. Ida Weddle is their teacher. They are in the North balcony. Would you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. The next speaker is Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out a very important fact. The average points, Senator Landis, per judge in the State of Nebraska is five hundred and sixty-eight. With the additional judge which Lancaster County, the third judicial district, must have, we still would be at six hundred and eleven points which is far above the state average. Lancaster County still needs that additional judge even if you rearrange the judges in the rest of the state and that is exactly the point. One of the greatest deterrents to crime is the certainty of punishment and the speed with which the cases are processed.