

just...would just amaze you, the difficulty of them and the sadness of them. And I just invite you to look at the statistics, you will see that the case filings, not the case decisions, but the case filings have increased so dramatically in seven years from 2,000 to almost 9,000 cases and there's the same number of judges. I mean, it's...this is the third year now I have argued this and I think it was argued before me. I really think that we have proven our point and proven our case. We need in this case...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...in Douglas County just one-half a judge and I urge the body to advance the bill. Thank you...the amendment, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR ABBOD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Five hands? Yes. Those in favor of closing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Ashford, for closing. Would you repeat that, Senator Ashford, for the record, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I would give some time to Senator Landis in closing and give my closing to him. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to make two points only. One, I guess I want to go back in the debate to a comment that Senator Chambers made that indicated that in this course of conduct with several bills we could perhaps detect judicial greed. If that's the case, you won't find it here. No judge profits from 147. This isn't something that benefits them in some pecuniary way. And I think greed is the most inappropriate word to apply to LB 147. The winners in this amendment are kids who will have their cases dealt with more expeditiously by a judge who will have more time