

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Mr. Chairman, the reason I will take the time that Senator Schimek has graciously relinquished, and thank you, Senator Schimek, is to make a point that Senator Labedz touched on and young Howard Buffett touched on when he was before the committee about being concerned only about your district. I wish that in this Legislature I only had to deal with the problems of the people in my district. I wish that my office wasn't full over the noon hour with people from other senator's districts. I delight in the opportunity to talk to children from other people's district, so that's not what I'm talking about. But I mean these complex, difficult problems. My phone rings all the time, that is one of the reasons I'm down here on weekends, often I'm here on holidays because there are people who have problems and view me as somebody they can talk to, and having gotten into that position it's hard to extricate myself from it. I don't think there is a senator in here who will say that he or she has the luxury of dealing only and exclusively with his or her district, none of us have that luxury. And I don't think any of us seek it. I have yet to find a senator refuse to help somebody who seeks help if they happen to be from another district. There could be a situation where their own senator might know more about the case, or if it's one with a local flavor you might try to talk to the senator from whose district that person comes and work together. But I haven't heard of the door being slammed because somebody who comes who is not from that district.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think it is unfair to make that characterization unless the one making it is talking about himself or herself. I know Senator Labedz is not talking about herself because I've seen her workload. I can't say the same for young Mr. Buffett because he's not elected by district. So it's a situation where people are throwing these aspersions around, but they don't apply to anybody. So what I would like Senator Labedz to do, the next time she talks, is to point out the members in this body who deal only with the issues in their district. And I don't think she can point to one. Young Mr. Buffett is in a position of having the old bear send him to say all manner of naive things because people will say, well he's young, he's new and he doesn't know anything, but it shows the unfairness and the exploitative nature of that at large system in Douglas County where there is a clique and they look after a certain stratum of interests,...