

south balcony, we have Gary, Virginia and daughter, Toni Kirch from Blair, Nebraska. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. Senator Korshoj, would you like to speak on the Haberman amendment?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, I do have a couple of questions for Senator Kristensen.

PRESIDENT: Before you respond, Senator Korshoj: (Gavel.) Let's hold the conversation down, we're getting a little noisy and it's difficult to hear. Senator Kristensen, would you respond, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: This might not be directly in connection with the pay raise, but do we not have 48 district judges?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Now, I...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The reason I have hesitated is whether it's 47 or...that's the number of county judges. Do you need to know that right now?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: No, I do not. Have we ever considered redistricting?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes. That's...we...we...I don't remember the last year in which the state did redistrict our District Court boundaries, but we do that, for example, my district takes in about seven counties and that has changed from time to time, but it's been pretty stable right now.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Well, the reason I'm asking that, I've got a sign down in my office that says, I believe everybody should work, especially those who have a job. And we've got...we've got a lot of judges that if we redistrict, it would require them to travel a little and so forth and so on. It would help the caseload. It would probably help to not have an appellate court. I do not know. But I think that if we would probably put them all to work and redistrict, we could save a lot of money, probably not need as many judges and get the pay raise that way. That's just a thought I have.