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made some excellent points relative to the grand jury and the judicial system and the process. He sees it from one perspective, I see it from another. He sees it as a conveyance of a message that perhaps the Legislature does not approve and, in fact, I think the message is even more plain than that that we do not approve of certain types of vacillation and equivocation. On the other hand, I look at it as a positive situation where I like to say, yes, Judge Hastings has exercised good judgment, he is a man of conviction and principle and good temperament, as are, I think, most of the rest of them. I would like to see additions to that judiciary that are even better than what we have today and I think that would go for all of the sitting judges. I don't think it's going to make much difference whether it's 10 percent or 13, or 20 percent, but eventually it's the expression of a job well done that there is some recognition by this body that they do perform well. As I said, there is no punishment factor that can be exercised by the judiciary. There isn't much that can be done that way. There isn't anything that can be...they can't withhold their political support, they can't crank up political support, so they don't have that kind of a club. All you do, ladies and gentlemen, is to do what you think is right. I know that's what you're going to do and I respect that and I accept it. I do not, as Senator Chambers suggests, jump for joy. I do accept what is the inevitable and I would suggest, Senator Chambers, and I suggested it to you the other day, if you let me know when you're not going to be here, there might be another day and I might make an end run, but now I have to worry about the Lieutenant Governor also. But, anyway, vote your convictions and we'll get on with the show. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We are now voting on the advancement of LB 42 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 4 nays, Madam President, on the motion to advance LB 42.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 42 is advanced. We now move to Select File. Mr. Clerk, LB 163. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, thank you. Urban Affairs Committee reports LR 11CA to General File; LB 1229, General File with amendments; LB 912, indefinitely postponed. Those are signed by