

the besmirching of the reputation of the judges would have to rule that the charges or the complaints are unsubstantiated, but there are people who have seen judges engaging in improper activity. And I say, again, that the presiding judge of Douglas County, James Buckley, recused all the judges because of the possibility of implication.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I originally wasn't going to comment on what Senator Chambers said, but I'm going to now. I think Judge Buckley and the judges did the right thing. I think if there is a cloud or rumors or innuendos, they did the right thing. And like Barry Goldwater said years ago, Senator Chambers, in your heart you know they are right because there would have been those who jumped quickly and said, the rumors, the rumor, and again, Senators, it is rumors. I think, Senator Chambers, myself and this entire body would stand up with a hue and cry if we thought there was anything covered up from A to Z and we will. But I also think people, judges, whomever you are, are innocent until proven guilty, and thank God, Joe McCarthy is not around anymore. This is a different issue than the need in the caseload that exists here. I would agree with Senator Chambers that some judges, their load is much less than others. He knows that I would agree with that. He knows that his old seatmate, Senator Beutler, tried to redistrict a number of years ago. I told people it was interesting and I felt that's probably one of the reasons that our old colleague, Senator Beutler, didn't do better. There were a lot of people upset when they tried to redistrict. I told my colleague, Senator Weihing, earlier today that we should redistrict, that we should, but it is not something we can do overnight and it will require a very comprehensive study, but what do we do in the meantime? What do we do in the meantime? Do we look at caseloads, whether there are cases, as Senator Chambers points out or not, that border on coming close to dismissing criminal cases? I don't want to be a part of that and I don't think you do and, again, I will tell you that the two issues about the judges removing themselves have nothing to do with this. I think it is interesting, as the media would say to a judge, are you this or are you that? Do you think the judges can respond? I don't. No comment. The Judiciary Committee is having hearings today on the whole Franklin issue. Unfortunately, it was brought into this issue. Again, I say, I thought we had an end to Senator Joe McCarthy. This bill is necessary.