

engaging in rumor. Fine. But if there are rumors, they can be dispelled by those who have the information and can tell the reason for their actions. Senator Chizek was not hired by...I meant, voted in by his constituents to be a mouthpiece for the judges.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They can certainly speak for themselves if they are going to throw the book at some defendant, but here comes this same Judge Buckley, this same Judge Buckley coming up again, leading the other judges into an action that raises questions, and Senator Chizek can say all he wants to, he wishes this was not discussed. But there is no way an issue related to Douglas County judges can come before this body at a time when Judge Buckley, the presiding judge, has done the things he did and just did yesterday, the recusal, and not have it discussed as a part of a bill designed to give these people additional associates, at a cost of a half a million dollars, and we can't even get an answer from Judge Buckley. And Senator Chizek, who has more access to these judges than the media, who represent the people, has had discussions but he is not going to share the content of that discussion with us. Why does he have to hide things?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What did the judges tell him that he must hide? And what did they threaten that they would do to him if he didn't keep a smile on his face and keep his lips zipped? Senator Chizek, what do these judges hold over your head? That's what I want to know.

SENATOR CHIZEK: They just told me you were a nice guy, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who told you that? (laughter)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to note that Senators Wesely and Landis have seven students from Northeast High School along with their teacher in our south balcony, and Senator McFarland has 45 sixth graders from Eastridge Elementary here in Lincoln with their teacher. Will you students please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're very glad to have you with us. Also, Senator Kristensen has six students from Minden under the north balcony. Would you students please stand and be