

recognized from the Minden area. Thank you. We hope you can come back again. Proceeding with the discussion on 880, Senator Chambers, followed by Senators McFarland, Lindsay and Abboud.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I knew if we talked long enough we'd smoke these other lawyers out, and I'll bet you \$10.00 to a penny that every one of them will support this bill, and that won't come as a surprise. It is their profession and we expect them to do it and they more or less have to do it. To speak on an issue such as this, at all, compels them to speak for it, but there are serious questions about the inappropriate allocation by the chief judge of the available judges. There are judges who can help with this work load. If they can reach out on a moments notice and get a judge to handle the Peter Citron case, that shows there are judges sitting out there with nothing to do and they could be coming to Douglas County. When Senator Chizek mentions that some of these cases of a criminal nature that are perilously close to dismissal because of the amount of time that is passing and the defendant will not get the speedy trial required under the laws in the Constitution, that's not because they don't have enough judges. They have judges who are not doing their work. That's where the problem comes from and there is something else people need to know. If a defendant does anything that results in a postponement of any kind, then that stops the running of that statutory period required for a speedy trial and a lot of times there are pretrial motions by defendants, their attorneys representing them. So I would like to ask Senator Chizek this question. Senator Chizek, on that list of figures that you gave us, is there a listing, and I don't mean my name, but of the number of cases that are about to be dismissed due to the speedy trial requirement? That newspaper column.

SENATOR CHIZEK: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you're just saying that, but you don't have any statistics to give us like the other kind you gave us as to the kinds of cases that the judges are handling?

SENATOR CHIZEK: I'm saying that as a result of conversation with the judges when this story was done two or three weeks ago by Terry Hyland from the World-Herald.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, now it's a story, not facts, mmm-hmm. And was this the same time you had that private conversation