

with them about the recusal?

SENATOR CHIZEK: No, it was right after I met with you last week that I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now how many cases, did they give you any idea of a percentage of cases that are close to being dismissed, or did they just say there are cases close to being dismissed?

SENATOR CHIZEK: I think the exact phrase, I'm not sure, it was that we were rapidly approaching a point where criminal cases could be dismissed, would be dismissed because of the speedy trial.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So in fairness to them, they didn't give a percentage of the total cases that...

SENATOR CHIZEK: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...were about...

SENATOR CHIZEK: And that's not in the article.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. They always like to use those kind of tactics, and if there were a substantial number, they would have written that number out and made sure that we all had it. I don't think the judges always deal in a straightforward manner. Whenever people are trying to get more money, they tend to hedge facts, they exaggerate those things that will benefit them and they minimize those things that will go against their case. So I don't think that a compelling reason has been given to add two judges in Douglas County. This bill passed last year, a version of it. It will probably pass again this time and I hope that the Governor, as she did last time, will veto it. The judges are not working assiduously. Senator Chizek, I have to ask you these questions as they occur to me. On the average, how many hours a day does a judge in Douglas County spend in the courtroom?

SENATOR CHIZEK: I'm not sure of the exact...

SENATOR LABEDZ PRESIDING

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Chambers.