

that the system of justice, that we remember the old saying that justice delayed is justice denied. And I think the effect of this is to deny justice. There is also a fact sheet that's been passed out to you that indicates some of the other factors that are increasing, it's not just the number of arrests for drug cases in Omaha, though that certainly is a very substantial factor. But we have to remember that cases are getting more and more complex and more lengthy. There is a case right now going on in Douglas County, I think it's in either the first or second week of a six-week long trial dealing out of products liability. Those types of cases, and especially when you start getting to asbestosis types claims, are going to tie up court time and result in much lengthier trials. If a judge is sitting in trial on one case that is taking six weeks, that judge is certainly not handling the cases that...the other cases that are continually being placed on that judge's docket. The impact of this on the total budget, I believe, is around 200,000 dollars. It's not in the scheme of things one of the things that society has to provide, that we as a government have to provide, is a system to administer justice, a system to allow people access to the courts. In the scheme of things, that is not a huge impact on the budget. With that, I would urge that we consider...that we do override this veto, because I think we'll be amazed at what can happen, if we neglect a very serious situation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise also and ask the members of the Legislature to override the veto on LB 880 and 880A. The information that I received in the last few weeks is very distressing. In the 17 years, since the last new district court judgeship was created, new case filings in Douglas County have increased by 70 percent, from 6,000 in 1972, to 10,281 in 1989. I don't want to take too much time, but I think this is a very important override. The docket in Douglas County continues to grow with a 50 percent increase in caseload since 1987, and particularly in the area of drug offenses and homicides. The Nebraska State Bar Association, the Omaha Bar Association and the Nebraska District Court Judges Association have endorsed the efforts of the 4th Judicial District Court to obtain the two additional judges. And I respectfully urge you to support the override to LB 880 and LB 880A.