

rather than going purely on caseload, they take into account and give some credits for travel time. For example, a judge in your area might have to travel an hour, two hours a day, whereas in Omaha they go down to the...or Lancaster County they go down to the courthouse and they are there all day. So the point system is to take into account that, to take into account jury trials, which take significantly larger amounts of time than a bench trial, for example. So it weighs those different factors.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What are some of the other factors besides travel?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Caseload, different types of caseloads.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Could you...you don't have any percentage breakdown or anything like that?

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: On how the point system works?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Um-huh.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't, but I can try to get that for you before we're done with debate here.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I'd appreciate that, Senator Lindsay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. We'll now recognize Senator Warner, followed by Senator Haberman, Senator Chizek, and Senator Lamb. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Madam President, members of the Legislature, maybe I'd ask a question of Senator Chizek also, I think. Senator Chizek, I...my understanding is I believe there are some bills in to change judicial boundaries, too. I wonder what the status of those are. Let me state first I'm not disagreeing in any respect that there isn't a need for an additional judge in the Omaha area, but it seems we deal with this issue all the time. And it's another one of these things where the easy solution now is to spend more to take care of one area, when maybe moving judges is one option...is the only option they have now, short of legislation to realign boundaries. I was wondering if you could kind of give me a