

status of potential realigning boundaries.

SENATOR CHIZEK: We have three bills in Judiciary that we heard last week. They are still in committee. There's been discussion going on. I don't think any of the three bills would come out in the form that they're in now. And, Senator, the two judges in the bill, I think it's very probable that these two judges will not go to Douglas County. One of them probably will.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, thank you. It's immaterial to me where they go, but it seems to me that it's impossible to...there are two factors involved, the area in caseload, and when we are restricted to only dealing with the one...one of the two variables, in legislation it becomes very difficult to get any kind of a balanced system across the state when you cannot deal with both issues at the same time. And I appreciate it's no different than legislative reapportionment or any other kind, there's always going to be resistance. But it seems to me that in time the variables ought to be both a factor, either delegated to somebody who would be able to make those changes, or legislation when we add judges also include realignment of districts where it is appropriate. So...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, once again I recognize what Senator Warner is saying. I'm not so sure that I disagree with it. The point, however, is we have an immediate, acute problem. The point is we are going to get cases, some criminal cases dismissed in Douglas County unless we deal with this problem. Now, I recognize that we need to deal some...we need to do something with redistricting. Obviously, I recognize that, Senator Warner and my colleagues, because two of the bills on redistricting are mine. But it is a very complex issue. For example, Senator Wickersham might have a judge in his district who gets under the point system, five points for every hundred miles as I understand it. And they go 200 miles round trip, that's 10 points. Now we just had a 10-week trial in Douglas County, very complex trial, 10 weeks, got five points, got five points for that trial. The system is not an equitable system. I would agree that we need to change it. It is not, however, the kind of thing that can be changed willy-nilly. There has to be thought, there has to be input from the judiciary. Obviously, I would imagine, colleagues, that in your legislative