

in reducing that number. Someone just raised the question as to where we will house these judges and that's a question which ought to be raised and answered, but the cost of government grows rapidly enough as it is without our automatically surrendering the authority for the creation of additional judges, or judgeships. And I think that from time to time we all wonder just what is going on. If you've watched the action of the judicial system in the past few weeks or months, you watched some plea bargaining taking place in major cases and I'm of the opinion that in many cases really the cases which actually get to trial are those which are not the most pitiful cases, those cases which ought to be tried. We find a man who we know was responsible for the disappearance of \$1,300,000. He plea bargains it down to virtually nothing and we are told he may serve five years, that's a fresh report. Two or three years from now not many people will even remember who he was or what he did and he will quietly retake his place in society. By not going to trial, no one will know if, in fact, he acted alone. If he did not act alone, who were his co-conspirators and if they were, why weren't they named and why weren't they also brought to justice? No one on this floor believes that that gentleman now acted all by himself. Oh, yeah, they've identified one young lady apparently who might have been involved in a few thousand dollars. Nonsense! I have supported the judicial system and the judiciary on virtually every single instance on this floor and I have done so because I think that basically we have a decent system, but I do not like the system which, in my opinion, contributes to cover up, contributes to lack of justice and, in fact, only creates justice for the weak, the uninformed, the illiterate, the addicted or those who do not know someone in position to negotiate for them. So, at this time, I'm going to support Senator Chris Beutler's amendment and I'll have more to say later on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, again, I rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment to strip this provision from the Kristensen amendment. The more I think about it, the more I think about the, I guess, this court doesn't exist yet except through a vote of the people but the more I think about it again, some of the issues that the Supreme Court has brought to the Legislature in terms of, I guess, our ability to address issues, my interest has piqued in the court system because of some of those decisions. Maybe as a part of this bill what we