

that the net effect of combining 21 and 5 is that they are reduced...that combined district was reduced from a total of four judges, under the current system, to three judges. Okay, now, this is very important and I hope that you will take the time to follow this on the charts. What are the current work loads in those two districts and what happens when you combine them? Are the judges overworked? Okay, first of all, take a look at the handout entitled "District Judicial Statistics - Average of Years 1981 to 1990." This chart shows you what the work load has been in the various districts, including 5 and 21, which I have circled on there, throughout that period of time. This statistical chart, by the way, is the chart that has been agreed upon by all the district judges and has been used for a decade now as a reasonable tool for calculating the work loads in the different judicial districts. So when you look at District 5 and when you look at District 21, if you look over in the right-hand column where the point system is totaled, the 10-year average, you will see that under District 5, that they are below average in work load, that they are below average in work load. And when you look at District 21, you see that they are way below average, towards the very bottom of the chart. Up in Douglas County, the judges do, according to this chart, twice as much work, effectively, as the judges in these two different districts. So what happens when you combine them and reduce the judges from four to three. I have handed out another handout to you which gives you the final result in terms of work loads combining those two districts. And you see what happens is that the new district, number five, the new district that we are creating has a work load of 570 points which, essentially, leaves it right in the center of all the districts in terms of the relative work loads of the judges within that district. So what do you do with this amendment? You give judges that don't have enough work a little more work. You help Senator Robak by relieving the work load in her particular district. Everything is completely reasonable and you've saved yourselves \$100,000, and you've saved yourself \$100,000. If you don't adopt this amendment, then you lose the savings, but beyond that, to me what you will be doing is saying, on we go, politics as usual, add judges where we need them, do nothing, do nothing about judges that are underworked and sitting around and not doing their fair share. So I hope you will look at these statistics. I hope you will really think about this, and I'd be glad to answer any questions or to deal with any problems that people think might exist. I have had an interest in this issue for every year I have been in the Legislature, and every year that I