

district in the state, and the proposal was made to combine it with one adjacent to it that was also underworked. And it was really a carbon copy of what's happening today, almost, except that situation was even more blatant. A carbon copy of what's happening today. What happened? Well, what happened was that the senator from that district at that point in time made that bill the only bill he cared about that session, and he fought it tooth and nail, even though he didn't have a cent of logic on his side, other than the logic that we all have that comes from our constituents, and in the end it was defeated. And it was defeated on the argument, guess what, guess what the argument was. Senator Wickersham, guess what the argument was. Senator Robak, the argument was not fair to pick on us, let's redistrict the whole state, let's look at the whole state, that's what's fair. And a naive senator, name Beutler, said, well, god, you're right, I mean the whole thing is a mess, we really should look at it, you're right. So we let it go and more judges were added to the system. And the next year we tried redistricting the whole state. Well the judges didn't really want to redistrict the whole state, a lot of the lawyers didn't, so it never got out of committee. Bottled up in committee, imagine that. So the next year we tried it again. And this time the judges said, all right, we'll do it, but you know we need a study on this, we need a good study, we need a thorough study. So I said, all right, we'll attach an amendment to this and we'll pay \$60,000 to the National Court Center to study this and give us three different plans to redistrict that would make sense for this state. That was in 1981-82, thereabouts. And, sure enough, we did the study, and sure enough, we came back with the three plans, and sure enough, every one of them made a lot more sense than what we were doing, and so the judges said, yeah, you're right, we've got to go with one of these plans, they chose one of the plans, and we proceeded the next year, and you know what happened? The judges just kind of sat quiet, and the Supreme Court just kind of sat quiet, and they let the lawyers take over. And the lawyers came over here and they jumped on each and every legislator and wreaked havoc with the bill. And in the end, again, it got to the floor, but it couldn't get passed. So along comes 1986, that was the year I left the Legislature, but I had a bill in before I left, same redistricting bill, same bill the judges had agreed upon and we were working on Bar approval now, which we never did get at that point in time. And then Chris Beutler was leaving, and then they decided, well what we'll do to get rid of this redistricting matter altogether, now remember these are the