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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I also support Senator Beutler's amendment and what he has tried to do down through the years. I have a tremendous respect for intelligence. Senator Beutler is a very intelligent person, he has done the kind of work that an intelligent person would do. He has meticulously and carefully crafted information and an argument to demonstrate the validity of the amendment which he is offering. Senator Beutler, we teach our children that knowledge is power, but a reality here is that knowledge does not bring votes in the Legislature. Simply because a plan is intelligent and correct does not guarantee its acceptance, because politics is at work here, politics within the Legislature and outside the Legislature. It is possible, when a politician is appointed to be a judge, that a politician can become a very good judge. But when judges become politicians then we have a serious problem because their politicking begins to impact their work as judges. The court has involved itself so much in what the Legislature has done, involved itself in a political way, that I think a taint has resulted to the judiciary itself. I have always opposed the bills which would add two judges to the county where I live, because redistricting of the entire state is what is needed. I see the judicial system, Senator Chizek and others, as I would look at a dog infested by lice, instead of giving the dog a dip and getting rid of the lice, every time more lice are added you try to add an additional paw to the dog to do some additional scratching. It's time to stop scratching the lice and clean them out of the system. Redistricting does that. The politicking is manifested when we try to add a judge every time a problem surfaces. I can't say, Senator Wesely, that the approach of Senator Chizek and that of Senator Robak represents the best move under the circumstances. Whenever you placate a powerful interest, and I'm talking about the judiciary now, then that interest is not going to have its desire for power slacked, it's going to be encouraged to grasp and seize more, and that has been demonstrated, even this session. You gave them an appellate court because the Supreme Court judges said they work too hard. Now, when statistics show that some judges, if you accept the kind of argument the Supreme Court gave for justifying an appellate court, some judges find themselves in that same set of circumstances, and the Legislature, rather than being