

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Beutler, if I'm not correct...if I'm correct, can I ask you a question? Under your amendment you do leave the Judicial Resources Commission in place, is that right?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry, Senator Robak, I wasn't listening.

SENATOR ROBAK: You are not touching the Judicial Resources Commission, you're leaving it in place in your amendment, is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, since the judges and the lawyers think that's a good system, it's better to have some system than no system at all.

SENATOR ROBAK: Well, are you aware that the Nebraska Supreme Court has said that a substantial question exists as to the constitutionality of Nebraska Revised Statute 24-735, and that's the statute that created the Judicial Resources Commission? The Supreme Court has said that there is a question of constitutionality there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, just because there's a question of constitutionality doesn't mean that they'll ultimately decide that it is constitutional. Besides, I find that almost laughable since the court administrator's office and the lawyers close to the court are the ones who enacted the bill in the first place.

SENATOR ROBAK: Well, many times we...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Don't you?

SENATOR ROBAK: Many times we pass things, such as our personal property tax bills that we've had...laws that we've had in place over the past years, have just been ruled unconstitutional. And, you know, we've got to do a major tax overhaul, so I believe that it could very well be deemed unconstitutional. And Senator Beutler does have a redistricting bill in committee, and it's held in committee, and it was held in committee for a reason, and our committee system has worked. And I still say that Select File is not the place for redistricting. I think that we can come back and we will...Senator Chambers is correct,