

we do need to redistrict, and I think that we can redistrict but in the proper manner. I think the Select File is not the proper place to redistrict. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Crosby, Chambers, and Beutler. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I have to say this, I can appreciate Senator Beutler's frustration. And I think, as Senator Warner pointed out, ten years from now we will still be dealing with this issue in this same manner. Part of it is the fact that it is very, very difficult when the lobbying pressure gets on for a committee to do that which they know to be right. That is not peculiar to the Judiciary Committee. All of us have experienced the same kind of situation. Legislators today are not able to operate from their own position of experience, responsibility, and unbiased opinion. We have a substantial work load, and we have a multitude of bills. And day after day, after day, we are fed reasons why we should oppose this bill, or support that one, oppose this amendment, or support that one. And I know, and I'm like Senator Robak, I do not like to be the legislative district or the judicial district which is the spear point on this kind of redistricting. I don't think there is any doubt about the fact that there needs to be redistricting, and there is going to be resistance to it. It is not just caseload, it is the types of cases that are important. It is also true, and we don't talk about it very much, but in the rural areas judges need to spend a considerable amount of time on the road. And that is a factor also in their work load. It has been discussed here, to some extent, that we pay them well, yes, we do. And this Legislature has substantially improved the salaries for judges over the years. And we have, I think, a good record there of salary improvement. We expect the judges to work hard, we expect them to do their job, and we hope that we will continue to improve the judiciary. We're not always pleased, I'm not always pleased with the action of the judiciary. I think there were some times they taxed us to the limit. We have some judges that are less than perhaps equitable in the way that they approach their job, we have some judges who have become arrogant, and I'm sorry about that. But by and large the vast majority of the system is good, and I think it will improve. It is also true, Senator Beutler, that it is not hardly possible, on this floor, to do what you're trying to do, be it \$100,000, be it 4 million like I tried to save last week