

we can obtain under the circumstances because the heavy hand of the court has come to rest on this legislative body and we collectively have abdicated our responsibility. We're going to high tail off the field and leave it to the courts, the lawyers and the Bar Association as an organization. What we who support this amendment hope is that by putting a date which would result in the abolition of all of the existing judicial districts, it may force the courts to deliver on the promise that they made to Senator Chizek. If we could presume that everybody holding an honorable position is an honorable person, I would not be concerned about promises, once having been made, being kept, but I've been down here even longer than Senator Beutler and this issue of redistricting has existed all of that time. The court has a way of monitoring the Legislature, determining its mood and saying just enough of what needs to be said to prevent the Legislature from taking any action that the court does not want taken. I'm going to support Senator Withem's amendment. We all know that between now and 1993 the court could try to come in here and undo this, but at least while there is a possibility before us during this instant which is the only point of which we can act right now. To do this, this much at least we ought to do. If the court goes back on its word and somebody such as myself who will always do this, points out the fact that they went back on their word, that argument will not carry any water with this Legislature. Consistency means nothing, principle means nothing, raw, naked power means everything. And for some reason the court has been able to wield that power over this Legislature. Now when it comes to being at risk before the courts in terms of actions involving oneself, I'm probably at risk before these courts more than any other legislator on this floor. And as a matter of fact, Madam President, being completely honest, things that go around here don't always keep my attention and I'll be kind of drifting in and out of consciousness in the sense of being conscious of what is going on around here, and when the Clerk calls my name the first thing that might come out of my mouth is not guilty because that's what I always say when I go to court because I am always not guilty, but I usually have to go through several stages to establish that. And even from my personal experience I see how the courts are not too concerned about wasting time, person power. The court system, to send a person such as myself through the same steps over and over even though ultimately I win, they want to wear me down, they want to dishearten me, they want to show how their system can grind a person down. But if they'll try to do that with me, and I'm not having to hire a