

lawyer and pay that money, I know what happens to the ordinary citizen who does not have the knowledge to grapple with these issues, certainly does not have the money. So it has been an unjust system. What we're doing here today, not with Senator Withem's amendment, but adding these judges and protecting another one will not add any equity to the system. It will not improve the quality of justice. It will deal with some political issues.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would be upset, but I would not be as indignant if those pushing these issues could acknowledge that we're dealing in politics here. It's politics of the most basic, raw variety and I'm bothered when something is put into the wrong type of garment. When the ship flies a false flag, it flies a red cross making you think it's a hospital ship when in reality it should have a Jolly Roger because it's a pirate ship whose aim is to pillage and destroy. I support Senator Withem's amendment, not because it brings a clean thing out of an unclean thing, but it might make them send this stuff to the laundry.

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

SENATOR ABBOUD: Madam President, colleagues, I rise to support the Withem amendment. I had not supported the prior amendments offered by Senator Beutler in hopes that some sort of arrangement could be worked out. I think having a bill like this will put a greater significance on the discussions that people will have across the state in dealing with this very difficult issue. It does not jeopardize the sponsor's intent of having the two additional district court judges in Douglas County and it also allows us to examine the question of how many judges should be in different locations around the state, so I am supporting the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Moore, followed by Senator Wickersham, Lamb and Beutler. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The question has been called. Are there sufficient seconds? Okay, we will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay.