

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, what we're doing with the bill is not good, but I suppose that this is at least a creative and a very good opportunity to get something done in a year's time that will make a lot of sense, and so I very much support the amendment. Please remember that this has been studied at some length already, both by the judges and by the lawyers. We spent \$60,000 on studies already on this matter. We have a year's time in which to deal with it next year. If nobody else will, I'd be very glad to make it my priority bill to be sure it gets done. The Judiciary Committee I know is interested in this subject. I don't think there would be any problem whatsoever in dealing with the matter next year. The Bar Association has agreed already to deal with the matter next year as have the judges. So there is no reason why this shouldn't be a perfectly good amendment. Senator Lamb may not like the process exactly, but I don't know where the history of the Legislature has ever been any clearer with regard to what will happen if this amendment is not adopted and we went over that earlier. There is no point to repeating what has happened in the last 30 years which is nothing. And so I think Senator Withem's amendment has a lot of practical sense to it and it may not be as pretty as you would like, but it just makes sense in terms of getting things done and I hope you can support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Again, I rise...thank you, Madam President, I rise in support of the Withem amendment for pretty much all the reasons we have heard. We have heard about redistricting is going to occur. This keeps the status quo until January 1 of '93, at which time we have another legislative session to do that redistricting. The judiciary has a chance to come in with their proposed judicial redistricting suggestion that they have promised to Senator Chizek, they promised to Senator Chizek before next year. There is no time pressures that are being placed on it. It's easily enough time to do the redistricting. It does preserve the status quo. It takes care of some of the problems that are occurring in Douglas County and hopefully within the next year and a half or two years it will resolve some major problems that we have with our judicial system. I would urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have