

wasn't interested. Who's running this place, the bar or 49 state senators? Senator Robak says the bar, she may be right. We'll know before the day is over.

SENATOR CONWAY: Time. We have an amendment to the amendment. And, Mr. Clerk, would you read that in for...or let's identify what that may be.

CLERK: Mr. President, amendment by Senator Beutler, found on page 1783 of the Journal.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you. Senator Beutler, before we open up the time for you, I'd like to announce that Senator Robinson has 17 seniors from Walthill High School, Walthill, Nebraska, up in the south balcony. Would they please stand and be recognized by the body, please. Thank you for attending your Legislature today. Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Conway, members of the Legislature, the amendment has also been passed out to you, in case you missed the page in the Journal. The amendment does two things. First of all, it makes technical changes with regard to two or three of the boundaries, so that it conforms to the map that is in front of you. And that's really the only part of the amendment that I'd like to get done so that that is in place. The other part of the amendment is a...was a...is a response to what I heard from lawyers from place to place around the state. A few of them are interested in the idea of allowing the Supreme Court, in consultation with attorneys from various districts, allowing them the opportunity to designate a primary office for attorneys when they are appointed to fill the judgeships, in the event that there may be some concern about where the judge will spend most of his time. For example, if you had a district that included the cities...the City of North Platte and also the City of McCook, and you had three judges and two were in North Platte, and one was in McCook, and you wanted to be sure that when the one in McCook was reappointed that he would...that his primary office would continue to be McCook, this particular provision provides the mechanism for doing that. And it also directs the State Court Administrators Office to develop a uniform and accurate system of measuring judicial workloads, that part is not particularly important to me, anyway, because I think they're doing that anyway. But they wanted...they suggested some specific statutory direction in that regard. So that's what this amendment does, and I would ask its adoption.