

areas that need them, we're going to talk about taking judges away from other areas and that's fine if that's how we want to do that, but I think that you will find no one is satisfied with the system of weighing and the system of numbers, and the system of numbers Senator Beutler referred to a weighing or a scale system based on the amount of travel versus the number of cases and so on, I don't know of anyone who says that that system is good, that the district judges use currently, that Joe Steele's office uses currently. In fact, I hear a lot of dissatisfaction about that. I hear that the county court system may be a little better in terms of the way they do it. One of the problems is, is that the system, the state is not monolithic. And in the past what we have done is judicial redistricting is set in stone for years and years and years with current judicial districts. And quite frankly, maybe they have outlived their usefulness and need to be changed. I think Senator Beutler is probably correct in that manner. However, how do you change them? Do you just change for the sake of changing or do you put some value, some method behind it with some system of being able to quantify what those needs are and still factor in access? That's where I think Senator Wickersham's bill has a provision that I like better and that is to give the Legislature a constant opportunity to determine where those judicial resources are going to go based upon recommendations of that commission, and I assume that, Senator Wickersham, you would explain that later. As I sit and look at Senator Beutler's bill today, I'm not sure how I'm going to vote on that because parts of Senator Beutler's bill is very attractive to me. But when I hear the discussion centered around well we're going to make government work and make economies more, why don't we say what that really is and that is that we can't get additional judges because that's...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...difficult in financial times and it's difficult to do in the Legislature so what we're going to do is redistribute. Redistribute means taking from one area and putting in another area. When you take from one area and put it in another area, you do eliminate certain areas and that's what will occur in some places, elimination. You do deny access and the judiciary is about access. Do people have an equal ability to settle their disputes in a court setting in one part of the state as well as another part of the state. My trouble may be getting to court because I don't have a judge that lives within 50 miles of me. Senator Lindsay's problem may be, he has a