

two years ago the commission said we should shift a judge from here to there because it makes sense and what happened in the end? We disbanded the commission the bar set up in the first place because the bar no longer liked it because they didn't like the result that it gave and then we went and added another judge and added to the taxpayers' expense when the bar itself, the commission itself told us we could have reallocated resources. This plan is a good plan. I have worked closely with the court administrator's office. They say it will work, they know it will work. Most of the information has come from them. Don't do Senator Beutler a favor. Do yourselves a favor, do the system a favor, let's take a step forward. Senator Chizek, I think you wanted a minute of time.

SENATOR CHIZEK: How much time, Mr. President?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chizek, you have two minutes.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Probably won't take the full two minutes, Mr. President, colleagues. During the course of the debate on this bill, it has been talked about denying access to people. I think that's an extremely erroneous statement. Access to the court, certainly, is not denied to anyone under this bill. I think it's a very modest bill, but what it is, it's a beginning. It's a step of a, first step of a long journey that many of you, my colleagues, are going to face in the future. You heard Senator Lamb's comments earlier this morning. I don't envy some of you in what you're going to be faced with the next session, but this is a beginning. It's a step in the direction that we must move. Senator Schimek said...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHIZEK: ...if not now, when? That's a good question. And we don't look at it as, interestingly enough it was identified as an Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, those are the only three cities. If you want to cause some consternation then bring up the feud between Omaha and Lincoln and Grand Island and Lexington and Kearney and North Platte, and I'm tired of it. That has nothing to do with this issue. You know it and I know it. It's an issue that most of you have dealt with for many, many years. I tried to think a minute ago when we were talking about those figures, how many of you in this body were over 70-years-old as I was talking about the figures in 1920. There are very few in here I think that are that old, but I think...