

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...probably allocate our judicial resources. I've got my light on, Senator Withem, that I'll yield back to you if you run out of time here.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I also believe that this is opening on the amendment so I don't believe the Chair might be correct in that minute ruling, so...we'll just continue to talk and see what happens.

SENATOR LINDSAY: She is on the phone, probably won't even notice. But the...or maybe will. So there is an intent, Senator Withem, there is a problem right now in several counties on the number of judges and how they are allocated. It is something that has to be addressed. My hope and my intention was this was something that was, I think most people agreed, an absolute emergency in Douglas County right now. Right now if you get an arraignment, I think in Douglas County, I mean if you get arrested on juvenile, you get an arraignment, if you did it now it would be late March before you would have an arraignment date. That's not going to correct many people, and it is not, and I should make that clear for the record, this does not in any way say that Sarpy or Lancaster do not need additional judges because I believe they do.

SPEAKER WITHEM: To summarize what I've heard you say, that this is a particularly unique emergency situation that needs to be addressed as quickly as possible and that's why the Judiciary Committee moved this particular judgeship forward, but there are plans by your committee to address the other bills and you anticipate the committee making some recommendations to the floor as far as either a set of individual bills or perhaps a package again this year?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I do, yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Thank you very much. And with that I would withdraw this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. We return to Senator Lindsay to speak to LB 19.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members, I would...have passed around to you a chart that shows the caseload in the juvenile court. That juvenile court right now