

County district judgeship, July 1 of '96. Additionally, it would require the Judicial Resources Commission to meet at least biennially and look at all our judicial resources in the state and tell us...report to us at least biennially with a couple of...at least initially with a couple of assumptions. One is that assumes that Lancaster County judgeship is actually created; the second one assumes that it is not created, with the idea being to tell us where are resources. If judges have to be moved to equalize workloads, tell us where those judgeships should be moved from, where they should be moved to. Initially, concerns with district judgeships, but it does apply also to county and juvenile judgeships. The final thing it does is it sunsets the Judicial Resources Commission, and I should say very clearly for the record the intent of that is to provide a hammer. There are those, me being one of those, who do not believe that the Judicial Resources Commission has been doing its job. It has not advised the Legislature of what's going on, where judicial resources need to be created, or need to be moved or what have you. And so every time a workload gets too heavy all we do is we create a new judgeship at a cost to the taxpayers. And we're not ever checking to see if workloads have gotten too light. You all would have probably a better idea than I would as far as what the workloads are in your own district for your own judges. You might have some better idea of that. What this would do is to require that the Resources Commission do that. If the commission is going to do it's job then I will be one of the first and I think several of the others that would come back and repeal that sunset. But if they're not going to do the job, let's get rid of the farce and let's at least save the per diem of having them meet when all that's used then is for political cover for whoever...whoever's trying to protect a given judgeship. With that, I'd be happy to try to answer any questions. I would urge the adoption of the...or the motion to return and then the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Discussion of the Lindsay amendment. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, because I was working with Senator Elmer on another issue, I'm going to pass at this point. But I do want to call attention that if you look up on the board, it says Final Reading, then it says LB 19, E. Chambers. I'm the only senator whose first initial is given when the name is placed on the board, I just