

system, that's not what should be happening. And this particular amendment just makes it worse, in fact, it wipes out all even appearances of progress that we've made. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: I just rise in support of Senator Beutler's comments. I know we talk a lot about the need to hold the line on spending and some of us, I'll plead guilty in having promoted a number of initiatives that cost a lot more money. At the same time, I also admire it when someone like Senator Beutler gets up and says, you know, maybe we ought to think more carefully before we move forward on something that does sound appealing. And I know this amendment does sound appealing, but we do have to look at this. I know he's worked hard in trying to accomplish some changes in that. So if there's another route, if there's a way that we can find a way to better reallocate our resources and hold down costs in the judicial system by doing something like that, I think we ought to listen to Senator Beutler on it and give it some real careful consideration. So I admire that courage and willing to stand up on the issue.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I was uncertain whether to speak at this time or wait until we saw the vote on whether to return for the specific amendment. I was...I'm still a little bit uncertain about what I will do with regard to this motion and even to the amendment when it comes back. Senator Beutler, in his comments almost convinced me I should vote for it. Senator Lindsay, in his comments, almost convinced me I should vote for it. But it's going to be awfully hard for me to do that because of the provisions for the sunset of the Judicial Resources Commission. Now I...Senator Lindsay, I see you've just punched on your light, and maybe you'll take another shot at convincing me that this does what is good for the State of Nebraska. I guess if I do vote for this proposal to return for a select am...for the amendment and the amendment itself, it will only be because of Senator Lindsay's assurances. And I think Senator Lindsay is honorable and well-intentioned, but it would only be because of Senator Lindsay's assurances and his honor that if the Judicial Resources Commission, in fact, comes back and reports to the Legislature, and, in fact, improves (sic) the information that is available to the Legislature and to it, and that we are able to make better