

variations from county to county, making the old simple caseload statistics very unreliable. After the Judicial Resources Commission was reinstated, the district judges produced the current weighted caseload system. Now I don't think that the judges would assert that their weighting is a scientific study and, in fact, I have a letter that at some time later today I might find it appropriate to distribute from a district judge making an analysis of the weighted caseload system which shows that, in fact, it is invalid because it overstates the activity of judges by a factor of 16. Now the judges didn't do that maliciously because they're all factored in...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...on the same basis but the fact of the matter is the weighted caseloads overstate in raw numbers the activity. Now if you always wanted to divide by 16, that's okay, and maybe you're down to a judicial day. But even now the weighted caseloads that we have in the current report from the current...Court Administrator's Office is not, in my mind, reliable. We will, over the summer, have a computer system come on line which should give us more reliable statistics. And, as I've noted, the Court Administrator's Office already has funding both in our budget and in a...in the form of a grant and will be assisted by the Nebraska Bar Association in conducting a study. Perhaps they will incorporate the factors that are before you in AM2119, at least I hope they do because I think those are certainly valid elements to be considered when we're deliberating how to allocate judicial resources.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, I want to make some comments and I will ask Senator Brashear or Senator Wickersham a question. I'm like Senator Withem, I kind of got into this late, I guess. A couple years ago in Sarpy County we needed a county judge, and how do you weigh what a county judge does? And I discovered that everybody keeps their own records a different way. There is no quote, you know, standard way of doing that. And my question is to one of you gentlemen, members of the Bar, is there...if they don't keep the records straight, the same in all the judicial, you know, you mentioned, Senator Wickersham, the courts and the clerks and so forth, is there any penalty? Can we, you know, remove them from