

didn't happen yesterday, but as a fact of the matter is that those things always do take time and, in fact, we might have been a little bit further along if the automation project had gone a little bit faster. It did not. I'm not blaming anyone for that, but that didn't go as fast as we anticipated either. Most things don't seem to go as fast as we anticipate or want.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

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

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I think I'm a little bit like Senator Hartnett when you get involved in this discussion, quite a lot of a lay person in this, but since my legislative district, a good part of one of the affect...or what may have been one of the affected judicial districts lay a good part within my legislative district, I did have some concerns in that. And the thing that puzzled me was the application of the current...current rating system for the workload of the members of the judiciary and the inflexibility, it seems, of the various district lines to be adjusted in a manner that would perhaps use a more cost effective discovery mechanism for the use of judicial resources but wouldn't create significant problems. I know that one of the interesting things of the current formula, as it applied to the 1st Judicial District, was that the current formula with three judges placed that judge...that district close to the bottom but the removal of one judge placed that district close to the top and those sorts of things, that wide swing, that wide swing of ratings need to be modified so much. I think that the Brashear-Wickersham amendment appears to give us a broader set of information base to make those decisions and make the recommendations for adjusting judicial boundaries should that be the case. For an example, I look at the map and it looks like perhaps Lancaster County ought to be part of a larger district to be able to utilize what may well be underutilized judicial districts...judicial benches that lay outside of the city limits. I don't know if that's accurate or not but that's what it appears. So I think we do need to expand upon our discovery mechanism on what is the proper allocation of judicial resources within the State of Nebraska. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Lindsay. Senator Lindsay. Do you wish to speak, Senator? No. Senator