

this is drafted which is simply at the redistricting side of things or the...I shouldn't say redistricting, the reallocation of resources side of things that simply appears to me would simply take into account that if you have referees, somehow that lowers your judicial need when, in fact, the opposite ought to be true. We ought to be looking at how do we make those judges more effective. How do we make them more efficient, I should say, and should we provide that support staff. It's somewhat limiting in that respect. I would prefer to see the Withem language rather than just making...making it more inclusive to strike the laundry list. Let the Resources Commission consider those things that the public brings to their attention. Let...let Scottsbluff or Senator Wickersham (inaudible)...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...testified in the commission that they have these things in Douglas County and then let Douglas County and Lancaster County come back and say, yeah, but we pay for them. Our property taxes are higher because we pay for those resources, and you have that opportunity to do that. And let all of these factors come in from the public so that the Resources Commission is not limited in what they hear. One of our biggest problems, I think, is our Resources Commission is set up systemically to fail. The personnel, I think, are committed, and my eyes have been opened up by seeing how it works, but systemically we limit them. I don't think we ought to do that. So the amendment, I think, does do that. I think we ought to get rid of the laundry list and let the Resources Commission take into account any factors they think ought to be taken into account.

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

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I don't think the intent of the list that Senator Brashear and I have provided you in the amendment is to limit the factors that the Judicial Resources Commission could consider and bring to us in the way of recommendations. I'm assuming that they are creative folks and that they might be able to bring to us other factors. I do disagree with Senator Lindsay's analysis that you can't compare or you shouldn't use the referees, the other folks that support some courts in an allocation of judicial resources and I don't care who pays for them. I'm assuming that those court personnel