

ever in my inexperience, believe has been spoken and some of which has been unspoken. The issue has been the allocation of judicial resources. The issue has been weighted caseloads in the inaccuracy of measuring the use of judicial resources by the weighted caseload technique. The issue has been the difference between judicial service in the less populated, more diverse geographic areas of Nebraska as opposed to the more highly populated urban areas of Nebraska and an inability to evaluate the distance factors, not just as they relate to the judiciary, not just as they relate to the members of the Bar, but also as they relate to litigants. How close to himself is a Nebraska tax...to himself or herself is a Nebraska taxpayer entitled to have justice? This specific listing of criteria is designed to establish the minimums that will be considered and to make certain that we go beyond the weighted caseload methodology which has failed, to date, to bring results satisfactory to this body in its policy making. And to the extent that the Withem amendment makes it clear that all of the laundry listed criteria, so to speak, together with any other legitimate criteria which ought to be considered as a part of this process will be used, then it seeks to accomplish the good of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I just can't stand it anymore. The hypocrisy that has gone on here is just incredible. This is a lot of sound and fury signifying absolutely nothing. What is going to occur in just a minute, and they're all talking here because they're waiting for the amendment that comes down that puts the seal on the deal, and the seal on the deal means, one, judges get their salary increases, just like always; two, Douglas and Sarpy get their new judges, just like always, except more than usual, and they had to exert more leverage than usual in order to get more than usual this time; and, three, nothing changes for Senator Wickersham and all those who are concerned about their underworked judges. This is an entire incident, episode, a continuing saga of hypocrisy and doing nothing to solve the problem. They talk about the judicial statistics and the judicial workload statistics and building up this case, how they're not accurate and they don't work. Well, in 1982, I said to the Court Administrator's Office and I said to the judges, the county judges and the district judges, and I said to everybody in the system, if these statistics aren't right, if