

never been a logical response. The response is always to ignore it and talk about other things and eventually get down back to distances and factors and access to justice and this illustration makes quite clear that this is not about any of that. It's not about any of that. It's about trying to find a way to level the caseloads in situations where certain districts continue to be underworked and other districts continue to gain population and consequently be overworked. That's all this is about and we need to strike upon some mechanism that assists the taxpayer in that situation. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President, I rise to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment and I do appreciate his sincere interest and work that he has done in this area in years past as well as now. I know his interest is genuine. I just don't think that it's workable to have the Legislature approve the vacancy in every case where the Judicial Resources Commission has decided that there shall be a vacancy. The timing would be, could be very critical. A vacancy that would occur at this point of time in the year or shortly hereafter by virtue of a heart attack or some health, sudden health problem in an extraordinarily busy district or a district that had only two judges could work an extreme hardship before this body would convene once again and where that district was in the upper echelon of the work load, you know you have a need for a judge or at least you think that there would be and in those districts where the commission might find that there was no vacancy or decide to move a judge, I assume this would preclude action from occurring and I think that the Lindsay amendment as it is is workable. I think it's...I commend those that worked on it, Senator Lindsay and others that got together and introduced it, Senator Withem, for bringing us I think a good solution to a problem and so I would urge the body to continue to support the Lindsay amendment. I would request that you, because of the, I think what could be some rather extraordinarily inconvenient circumstances that could result from the Beutler amendment, I urge the body to defeat the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Is there any further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature,