

system have work loads at the 14, 15 and 16,000 figures. Up on the other end of the scale in the top half you're talking about districts with 23, 24, 26, 28,000 points. So there should be no doubt, but with respect to those bottom three districts that the time factor that any lapse of a couple, three, four months in filling a vacancy there if the vacancy needs to be filled there will not cause any serious problem of any type. The argument, the only really good argument against the other amendment was the time lapse problem in getting the vacancy filled. So I don't want to take a lot of time, but I discerned some interest in the prior amendment. A couple people said to me, well those districts that 5 are more in the middle, maybe they do need to operate on a little quicker time period, but for the three districts at the very bottom I suggest to you that the time lapse in filling a vacancy is not a problem, again, with the possibility of retired judges and other district judges from other districts filling in. I suggest to you that there is no problem at all in that regard and that this does afford now a real opportunity for the Legislature to look at and review the districts where the work loads are very suspect in terms of being adequate and fair as compared to what we require of other judges elsewhere. So I hope I've explained the meaning of the amendment and would ask you for your consideration.

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

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. If Senator Beutler would respond to a question, I think maybe I missed part of his presentation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Beutler, if I understood what you say, the three districts that would be impacted by your proposed amendment would be district number one, district number eight and district number twelve, is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Under the 1994 caseload scenario that would be the case.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, just so we can be clear about that. District number one, district number eight and district number twelve judicial districts, just a comment about district number one. District number one is a series of counties in the