

it's not at this point. And as we have smaller and smaller amounts to work with in regards to the flexibility of dollars that we have to spend, we have got to use them as judiciously, not of any pun intended, as possible and that judicious use of dollars in this case is to simply agree to the Beutler amendment and say, look, when we have the lowest case areas all we're going to do is say whatever the recommendations are, we as a Legislature will take a look at it. I'm not afraid of that. And even if it was my district now I would not be afraid of that. I don't know how we managed in the old days when there might have been a territorial judge and we had to wait for him to come in for a month or whatever it might be when they finally came in on a horse, or maybe they came in a wagon, I don't know. I don't know how we survived but we did very well, thank you, and we'll survive very well with this. But it's economically, it economically makes sense, it procedurally makes sense, it makes a good rationale as far as what we're going to look at those that have the lowest caseloads and see what changes we wish to make and I don't see any reason except parochialism for the most part as why we should not do so. And I would urge the body for the taxpayers' sake in the future and for better functioning judiciary to take a very positive look at the Beutler amendment particularly now since that time line sequence has been taken care of and I appreciate Senator Beutler for doing that. I rise in support of the amendment.

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next. Senator Vrtiska...Senator Matzke, your light is next.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm sorry that Senator Chambers isn't here at the present time because perhaps he would appreciate the fact that I'm at the bottom of a Bell curve. He has discussed the Bell curve and that's what we're really trying to do here, what Senator Beutler is trying to do with his amendment. He's trying to place certain segments of this state at the bottom of a double standard of those that are treated more severely than others. He previously raised the question as to the comparison of the eleventh judicial district and twelfth. Essentially the eleventh judicial district is the judicial district that is headquartered in North Platte. True, it only has three judges. It covers a large area and it has a significant caseload