

over time, right now they're three particular districts, over time they will be different districts. But in each instance at least until that point in time in the future when this scale that shows the differences between districts is a much more even line, until that point in time whoever those three districts are it seems to me it's appropriate that we give them close scrutiny. It doesn't mean we take away one of their judges, maybe no judge at all would be taken away, or maybe other kinds of adjustments would be possible. Remember that we're talking about a process that doesn't just involve the granting or the taking away of a judge, but can also involve, it could also involve moving a county from one district to another to balance out the work load. Wouldn't that be better? Let's say for example you had district number eight which had two judges and obviously if the work load is so low in that district, you have...you're going to have a judge that is seriously underworked. Well maybe just down south in Grand Island you have a judge, a district that is overworked. So maybe the solution is to adjust counties or to adjust territories. There are limits to all these things and the solution in a particular area may be different. I'm just suggesting this to you to let you know that there are other ways of dealing with situations and that's why you want to look at them especially areas that are seriously underworked compared to the districts on the higher end of the scale. The Judicial Resources Commission has not worked. You know the...I have to repeat the story to you about one of the rare occasions in past history when the Judicial Resources Commission did make a recommendation. The same people, you will recall, who promoted the Judicial Resources Commission and touted them as being the way the system should go, the way the system should work, turned around and sued them when they make a decision, when they made a decision and threw out the entire, and got the entire law changed. So if it's such a good system why did they do that? Which all suggests to me that this is a lot of talk designed to avoid a careful and thorough analysis of the system and this is an opportunity for you to say we are going to have a serious analysis of the system, albeit limited to the bottom quarter of the districts, to the bottom quarter of the districts. If we're not willing to look at the least worked part of a system, what are we willing to look at? What are we doing here?

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham says we fiddle. Do you