

else in the Sarpy County delegation for the Sarpy County district judgeship but one of the differences of opinion we had early on with the Governor's office was the ability for the General Fund to sustain yet an additional district court judge in the state. What the amendment that was placed on LB 189 did earlier this week was it delayed the implementation of the Sarpy County judgeship until 1997. What this amendment does is it means that there will be no additional General Fund obligation during this biennium for the new judgeship that is to be created in Sarpy County. That's what the amendment does. I am supportive of doing that. I believe there was a commitment made to the Governor's office not to push through an additional judgeship that would have General Fund commitments during this biennium. There also is the desire by the Governor, by Senator Beutler, by Senator Withem, by Senator Lindsay I believe from his comments this morning, Senator Chambers, to see to it that this judgeship does not become a drain on the General Fund, that we do continue through in the area of reallocation. I know Senator Chambers, earlier this morning, made the point in very eloquent, colorful terms, I particularly liked the remarks about the snail which I'm going to write down, I think that's probably appropriate, at least emotionally the way I feel about the way the Legislature has been treated on this issue by the Bar Association. But through all of this I do believe certain commitments have been made, and I want to get those on the record and at least get Senator Lindsay's recollection and observations on what various individuals position is on this reallocation issue. First of all, Senator Lindsay, do you think I have correctly interpreted the Governor's position as you understand it on this issue of reallocation and this specific judgeship?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I believe so, the Governor's commitment was he did not want additional funds, additional General Fund dollars going to it in this biennium and wanted to see if it...he wanted it paid for from existing sources, certainly in this biennium and hopefully in the future.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. And you and I had the occasion, during the course of discussion on this measure, to have some discussions with the leadership of the Bar Association relative to their position. As I understood their position at that time it was that they were not wanting to see anything placed into