

SENATOR BEUTLER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Do you want me to tell you what I really think is happening, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what I am trying to get to, I'd appreciate it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I...just in terms of the way the system works, what I think traditionally happens is that certain districts get a lot of pressure from their judges, whether it is justified or not, and regardless of the level of justification, almost always the Bar and the senators from those areas feel compelled to try to get an additional judge for that area. There are a lot of other districts that have too many judges already, a number of those districts, and when the districts that would like to require another judge come forward and ask for another judge, they almost always get it because they are supported by those districts that are afraid of losing a judge. And now what's happened, it seems to me, is that not only that that same pressure is not only supplying judges to districts who need judges, but is probably having the effect of supplying judges to districts that are really not quite yet in need of a judge. But, nonetheless, the coalition of support between those districts who are looking for more judges and those districts that are afraid of losing some of the judges they have, the coalition of support that says take more state taxpayer money and create these judgeships rather than shifting resources from one district to another, that alliance, that dynamic continues to operate, not just to get judges where they are needed, but now it seems to me to get judges, additional judges where they are probably really not yet needed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Beutler,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is just my personal opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's what I am asking for. If this study that Senator Wickersham had mentioned is completed, do you think, however it turns out, that judges are going to be shifted from these favored areas to the less favored areas, or if a change is to be made, there'd most likely be an effort to create