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new judgeships? And I know it would be speculative but if you have an opinion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It is speculative, but I think that if the Court Administrator's Office is able to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to reconstruct their formula in such a way that everybody has confidence in it, I think it will be harder for Senator Wickersham to argue that his judges are justified.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Now I will ask Senator Wickersham a question, since we have a little context for it, but I know my time on this one is up.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. First of all, I oppose the amendment to return to Select File, but, secondly, and just a course of fairness want to indicate to the other members that I have been contacted, and the judge...and the judge, the Supreme judge, the Governor indicates that he is supportive of LB 189 and its provisions, and I think it is important that the other members know that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, members, members of the body, I would stand in opposition to this amendment. The impact of this amendment is to remove the new judge for Sarpy County from the bill. I would point out, and this ties in with Senator Maurstad's last remarks, that one of the concerns that the Governor had when we were visiting with him about putting more tax dollars into judicial resources was the concern about front-loading too much with the additional judgeships that Senator Pirsch made reference to. So this particular judgeship does not go into effect until January 1 of 1997, and that was one of the key things that I think was of importance to the Governor. I believe I have circulated the numbers as it relates to the Sarpy County, Sarpy County judgeship, the caseload. I will grant a lot of the arguments that have gone on with Senator Chambers, Senator Beutler, and Senator Wickersham, and that exchange, that these numbers are not a perfect means of