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comment in support of the amendment, which again takes us, in the year 2003, that last 2.5 percent so that these judges are equal in salary to the district court judges. But the point I wanted to emphasize was the fact that juvenile court judges who deal with the children of this state are logically and appropriately paid at 92.5 percent of the Supreme Court salaries, the juvenile court judges. Now, not every of our twenty-some judicial districts, not every one of them, by any means, has a juvenile court judge. Most of them do not have a juvenile court judge. So who is the person in all of those districts, outside of Sarpy, Douglas, and Lancaster County, who handle all of the children's cases? It's the county court judge. So there is a compelling logic there, if you care about children and matters related to children that are handled generally by the person who is responsible, the county court judge, then it would seem that you would...that the logic would be compelling, that we ought to pay them at the same level as a county court judge. I might also indicate to you you've heard that the level of the workers' comp judges is 92.5 percent. And consider for a moment that a workers' comp judge deals with a very, relatively speaking, narrow, narrow field of law. Their expertise, their broadness of scope, it can all focus on a, relatively speaking, narrow area of the law. A county court judge, on the other hand, has to deal with a much broader number of concerns, and has to be capable of dealing with a much broader spectrum of the law. And so in that regard also it would seem to me that there is a strong argument that the county court judges should be brought up to 92.5 percent, because they're dealing with a broader spectrum of the law than are the workers' comp judges, who are already at 92.5 percent. So just a couple of ideas to throw around in your considerations. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I understand there is some discussions occurring about this bill, and perhaps there can be some discussion off the floor that might be helpful to the bill. And I would rise and, at this point in time, I'm very hesitant about the Beutler amendment. I would love to elaborate on that, and probably will