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judicial district or that judge's designee, the presiding county court judge of the judicial district or that judge's designee, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or his or her designee. This alters the procedure of the underlying bill which would have required that the judges of the county, district and juvenile courts of the county appoint the new clerk. Finally, the Judiciary Committee amendment addresses the effect that statewide centralization of child support collection and disbursement could have on this process. It does so by clarifying that the job guarantee provided to district court employees in LB 414 would not prevent staff reductions caused by the centralization of the child support functions. That concludes an explanation of the committee amendments, and I would urge the adoption of those amendments. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on the committee amendments? Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk?

**CLERK:** Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2565, Legislative Journal page 813.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that applies only to a very small part of the bill, but it's very important in the sense that it represents compromise and agreement on the part of the district court judges to the bill. And so I would very much like to encourage you to adopt this amendment. Right now in the committee amendment, with regard to the appointment of a consolidated clerk, let's say there's a merger and we're going to have a new clerk, the clerk of the courts would be appointed by a representative of the county court, a representation of the district court, and a representative of the Supreme Court. That's what the committee amendment said. What this amendment to the committee amendment says is that clerk would be appointed by a majority of the district judges in the judicial district with the concurrence of a majority of the county judges of the judicial district. So in other words, the Supreme Court is going to be left out of the process and it will be local. But