SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, about a minute and a half is gone.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I have extensive data here that I'm going to go through that was presented on the Supreme Court. One of the early decisions we made in our Appropriations Committee was the fact that we felt we could not further cut the Supreme Court, and we didn't do that in the end because of the importance of the court. It's a separate branch of government, in the first place, but the second place is I will have statistics, which I'm not going to get into until I get on my own time, but I will have statistics to show the caseloads over the years and the number of judges that have been done, added, and the increasingly responsibility we put on the court system in terms of probation. But I'll get that on my own time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. On with discussion, Senator Dwite Pedersen. He waives the opportunity to speak. Senator Beutler, on the Redfield amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would waive, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein, you are now recognized.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. We've added three new county court judicial positions in the last 30 years, three, county court, but in that time the county court had 188,935 cases filed in 1974. I'm going to repeat that, in 1974, 188,935 cases in 1974; 2002, there were 412,651 new filings, an increase of 118 percent. In 1977, total case filings in all three juvenile courts were 1,992; in 2002, filings were 4,571, an increase of approximately 129 percent. This increased caseload has not resulted in a large increase in the number of new judges. From July 1972 to 2001, the number of district court judges increased approximately 22 percent, while at the same time filings increased 106 percent. I'll go on. There was 22 new employees during the period of time filings in the court system rose from 189,000 to 413,000 in 2002, an approximate increase of