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that they would elect or that they themselves would appoint a middle-level manager who's responsible for no policy but only for managerial skills? That's essentially what we have. And what the Supreme Court wants to do, what I would advocate to you, is setting up a more businesslike model, and that model is, we hold accountable the local judges, we hold accountable the Supreme Court for the operation of the system. Ironically, even though they're county employees, when something goes bad in the district court system, the clerk's office, and something does go back almost every year in a few of them, people come running to the Court Administrator's Office to fix it, and they don't have the power to fix it.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They have suggestions and they have moral persuasion, but they can't legally fix it. And so what is being suggested to you is that we use the business model, and for those people we hold accountable we also give them the power to make the decisions about who a good manager would be for the filing system, who a good person would be to be a clerk of the district court. Let 100 people apply, sort through it, let the judges pick out the most qualified, let them be appointed. I would submit to you that, by and large, in the long run you're going to have a much better...a person much more able to do and to be a good manager than you would with the relatively haphazard policy of having them elected.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time, Senator. Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on the amendment to committee amendment, AM1795. Senator Cudaback, followed by Senator Brown and Senator Smith. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...Governor, members, I guess this is one of those issues that you probably won't hear a lot about the amendment or the committee amendments or the bill itself as a separate issue, but it's going to be a combined issue. It's one of those combined issues that the average person, the average person, probably will not even know what we're talking about as long as the clerks and the district, county, whatever, are doing their job and you get whatever you