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in general.   Thank you, Mr. President, or I would yield the
balance of my time to Senator Beutler, if he so chooses to use
it.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: You have one minute, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Smith, thank you, but with just one
minute, I think I'll wait for a larger block of time. Thank
you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Do you have an item for the record,
Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, an announcement: The public
Health Committee will meet in Executive Session in Room 2022
now; that's Health Committee in 2022 now.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll have Senator
Flood, followed by Senator Chambers, then followed by Senator
Don Pederson. Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Governor, members, I rise to discuss the bill,
obviously, but...and I also voted it out of committee, in the
Judiciary Committee, for several reasons. This LB 529 presents
a very interesting situation. Just look who supports it and who
doesn't. In Madison County, my district court clerk says, yes,
I support LB 529. The Madison County Commissioners adamantly
say, no, they do not support LB 529. And from what I've heard
in the committee and here on the floor so far, it seems to me
that the major issue that Senator Beutler is pushing is the
management of district court clerks by the Supreme Court, and
that is a valuable issue. That is a recognizable issue if you
ask district judges across Nebraska. And I visited with some of
the district judges in my judicial district, and the judicial
district to the south of Madison County, and I said, how big of
a problem is it in these district court clerk offices with
following the rules of the Supreme Court? And a judge here and
a judge there on the district court level will say, you know,
for the most part, out of 93 counties, 90 of them probably get
it and do a great job, but there's 3, like there's 3 in any
group, that don't roll with the punches, that doesn't follow the