SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.   I'm not sure
that that's what this bill is designed to do, Senator McFarland,
at all.   From a nonlegal point of view, what's important is that
we've got a series of...well, the rule is one way for one thing
and it's a rule...is another way for another thing, what this
really does is make one set of rules for all the courts in the
state.   It also lengthens out this period of time so that people
don't fall into that wary trap of, well, you're in the wrong
court so it's a shorter period of time so you lose.   If I want
to lengthen out a trial, I've got a lot of other ways that I'm
going to do that.   And if I really want to drag my feet, I'm
going to do it in a lot better way than just 10 days on an
answer.   And I think that this is a good bill and one that is
something you explain to people is that it provides uniformity
and it's just a lot simpler, smoother procedure.   Senator
Hannibal agrees that it is not...he was laughing that it's a
lawyer's bill, it's not.   So, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, if I might ask Senator Lindsay a
question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, would you respond?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Sure.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Would you explain again to the body your
explanation because I think this is critical to the bill.   Would
you explain your explanation about the three weeks, how that the
time limit can be extended three weeks?   Because I think when
you look to the date of service of summons rather than the date
of the filing of the petition, you're not talking about 10 days
but a much longer period.   Isn't that correct?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right. We're talking about...the point that
Senator Ashford was driving at is that the answer date in
district court is 30 days after service, after the date that the
defendant is served with summons.   In county court, the answer
date is 20 days after the issuance of the summons.   In some
cases, it may be 10 days before the defendant is served so that
will add an additional 10 days onto the answer time and extend
it out, like I say, as much as three weeks, the additional
10 days for the answer date, plus that 10-day period