

objection, as I recall from last...the debate on General File, was that this might not permit the expeditious trial of cases in the county court. My response to that is that delaying the answer date 10 days shouldn't have any significant impact, in my view, of any trial in county court and, in fact, those cases will come to trial just as expeditiously, except they might be 10 days later, and I don't consider that a significant delay. I think Senator Kristensen, who is also an attorney, made the point on General File that, if anyone wants to really delay a trial, they can even do so in county court, regardless of when the answer day is, because there are plenty of dilatory motions that can be filed and lots of discovery that can be requested to delay cases. I don't think that changing the answer date will have any impact whatsoever on the ability of county court judges to bring their cases to trial. So I would urge you to vote against the amendment and just advance the bill just as we did on General File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR LANDIS: Could I ask Senator Lindsay a question, just to make sure that I...it's possible that you get to take a quick look at an amendment and you think you know what it says, but you want to make sure. Okay.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LANDIS: John, I'm looking at this thing and it says to me, well, the bill says we need uniformity, we're going to move to this 30-day time limit. If it's good enough in the bill to do it for county courts, well, we've still got the Small Claims Court hanging out there, let's make the Small Claims Court 30 days. If you want this uniformity stuff, we're going to have it all the way down the line. Fair characterization?

SENATOR LINDSAY: That is the characteriza...or that characterization is correct. And I might add that what the county court and the district court provide is they provide attorneys who are familiar with the legal procedures and everything 30 days, whereas in Small Claims Court they provide them 5 days.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. So I'm looking at this amendment and it says we're going to use a 30-day time limit for the Small