

if all of a sudden their only good system of quick justice would be subverted by another 30-day requirement. Senator Lindsay's original argument against the bill is the one that you ought to listen to right now and not his argument about adding the 30 days. He had an excellent argument about preserving the integrity of the swiftness of justice and so on. Thank goodness there aren't lawyers in Small Claims Court. Thank goodness that we can do this quickly. And, if we add in the 30 days, it is going to destroy the small claims system, it is going to add a lot of burden to that system. I would urge you to vote against this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. As a small businessman, I've had opportunities to use the Small Claims Court. It's just exactly the way Senator Landis has described it. It's intended to be a citizens court for use by the citizens, and adding this 30 days would completely subvert the purposes of the Small Claims Court. I'd urge you all to vote no on this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I'm a member of the committee that sent this bill out on the floor. I supported the bill in the interest of uniformity. My belief is that you have a different court system for different reasons. The Small Claims Court was established to deal with citizen complaints, problems that they have where they don't want to go to an attorney. I think it's been a good system, it's worked well. But you have to realize that when you're dealing with a Small Claims Court system you're still talking about monetary judgments. When one individual sues another one for \$750, if he gets a judgment against that individual, he has to pay that money. We're still talking about monetary payments here. So, in that sense, we are talking about apples to apples, we're talking about a similar situation. Now, if it's good to have uniformity between the district and the county courts, why wouldn't it be even better to have uniformity among all of the systems? It is not that difficult for an individual, if he gets sued by another individual in Small Claims Court and he says, well, listen, he's suing me for \$750, this is an awful lot of money, and he goes to an attorney and that attorney looks at the