

case and he says, okay, we'll bump it up to county court. So he files the motion. For the most part, the answers that we're talking about and the intricacies that we're talking about will involve an attorney eventually. If the person doesn't get an attorney, fine, 5 days, 30 days, what difference does it make. But we are talking about creating a uniform system for the district and county court levels for the benefits, basically, of the people that are involved in running the court system, that being the attorneys. Senator Lindsay is saying, if it's good to make uniformity in this case, then why isn't it even better to make uniformity in all of the court cases? In that regard, I think it is commendable. Now I think one point that should be made clear as to why we're having a problem on this particular amendment and that is we have situations where someone is suing another person in county court for a collection, and that person has no intention of paying whatever that amount of debt should be, be it \$1,000, \$2,000, he's not going to get an attorney. He realizes that he owes the money and he just is refusing to make that payment. The reason why it works so well in the county system, to have 20 days, is that that individual can get a judgment faster, be it 10 days, it's still 10 days. It's a long process in getting a person either evicted from a home or an apartment complex or getting a judgment against them. This just speeds up the process. At a time when the citizens have a real problem with how slow justice moves, it is unimaginable to me as to why this Legislature would seek to slow down the legal process even more so. If that person goes out and gets an attorney in county court, he's going to extend this thing out. We're going to get into interrogatories, some forms of discovery, it's going to go on for quite a while. It will be months down the road before they even get to trial. We're not talking about those types of people that go out there and do that. We're talking about the person that has no intention, they realize that they owe the debt, they're getting sued for that particular debt, they're not going to get an attorney and you just want to get the system moving...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...faster. That is the idea behind, I believe, or at least one good argument behind not adopting LB 232. But if the Legislature seeks, in their wisdom, to provide for a uniform system of answer dates, then let's make it uniform, let's make the system work as one. In that regard, I will be supporting Senator Lindsay's amendment. Thank you.