

collection cases. We're not talking about extremely complex litigation, we're talking about a bulk of cases that may be the same size, or even smaller than some of these small claims cases. Of those collection cases, 53 percent of those result in default judgments, they never go to trial, they're never even answered. The reason for that is that there is no defense, it's just a matter of delaying payment of bills. What this will do is give an additional 10 to 21 days interest free extension of credit to those who do not have a meritorious defense. Since the point has been made by several senators, I don't believe the amendment is necessary, and I would withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay, on the advancement.

SENATOR LINDSAY: This is interesting. I move to advance LB 232 to E & R Final.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: It's a debatable motion, isn't it, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, it is. Senator Landis, you are recognized.

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't know if you all noticed this or not, I've been here 11 years, that's the first time I've ever seen a freshman in the Legislature throw a really terrific sucker punch (laughter) in his first, maiden effort in the body. It was not the amendment John wanted. John wanted to call our attention to what 232 does, and he did it in a most effective way. I hope you listened to his argument. It was structured in the most interesting way because, of course, I fell into the trap, oh, no, no, no, Small Claims Courts are different. In fact, his point is well made, county courts are different from district courts. All I've heard for justifying the bill is the idea of uniformity. John's made a good argument. For once I've changed my mind, I'm going to vote against 232 based on what I think is a very convincing argument that John Lindsay just made. I hope you're all listening. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.