three years is substantial?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Considering what attorneys in private practice make as compared to members of the judiciary, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator McFarland, is it true that there are other bills before the Legislature which are designed to decrease the work load of the State Supreme Court?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Yes, of the State Supreme Court, not of the district court.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, members, what you need to see is how much the courts are seeking the judges in this one session. They want to reduce the work load by increasing the number of district judges. They want to reduce the work load of the Supreme Court by either creating an appeals system in between or increasing the size of the Supreme Court, and this bill would attempt to increase the number of district judges. I just want that before you because as these bills come out and come together there will be other positions I'm going to take on them, than I'll take right now. If this one moves it may not make that much difference but be aware that that is the triumvirate that you'll be dealing with; reducing the work load of the State Supreme Court while increasing their salary, trying to reduce the work load of the district court by increasing the number of judges and their salary will be increased also. So I just think those things ought to be in the record so it will be clear that the discussion, although it may have flowed smoothly this morning without hitch, will not be the case when all of the bills are before us.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, would you like to close on your motion to advance?

SENATOR McFARLAND: I'd just like to make a point of clarification. I think it is rather confusing to say that the Supreme Court is reducing its work load. The Supreme Court's work load has increased gradually over the years because of the number of appeals to the Supreme Court. The bills that are in committee now are not really designed to reduce the court's work load. The work load is going to be there. What the bills in Judiciary that will be forthcoming in future weeks are to try and dispose of the backlog of cases because right now it takes almost two years from the time you file your appeal to the time