

we need more judges, and so, is the Supreme Court going to drop all their prior business and move with this issue or where do you see it coming? You know, can we have the study first or can we...you know, because as I understand it, you know, that the Supreme Court has a lot of business in front of it, you know. Does it move on top of the pile because it is coming from the Legislature? Now, I am just simply asking. I don't know. I am not really...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You are correct. There is a tremendous backlog in the Nebraska Supreme Court and you are probably going to hear me talk about that in the upcoming days here quite a bit. What we envision, there are several options. One of the options is certainly an original action of the Supreme Court, and, yes, that would take some priority but, generally, those are done on stipulated facts. It is not a long, drawn-out trial that would take years to do. Because of the urgency of it, because there is a question of basic constitutionality of one of the laws in the transfer, we are going to be able, hopefully, to maybe stipulate to some facts and present to the Supreme Court for their determination. You know, some states, instead of asking for an Attorney General's opinion, they ask an opinion of the court. I think it is either Maine or Massachusetts, I don't remember which. Instead of making an Attorney General's request, you make it straight to the court, and they give you a judicial opinion. In this state, we happen to have the AG's Opinion. It is a nonbinding opinion, but we would envision being able to take that action directly to the Supreme Court.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Short circuit.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Exactly. Yeah.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, I appreciate that, Senator Kristensen, because I wasn't aware of how, you know, the process worked and so forth. Before I came to this body, I was a school board member in Bellevue and we used to have courses put on by universities and so forth, so...and I do still get the school board minutes and so forth from the Bellevue Schools. So I did call the office and asked about courses, who offers the courses, what universities, and so forth. Kearney seems to be offering the most courses in Bellevue or in the Bellevue area. In 1988, school year, 1988-89, this school year, Wayne has offered one, three from Kearney, and one from Creighton; 1987-88, one was from UN-L and four were from Kearney. The four from Kearney