

decisions and see if they adopt them. If they don't like the decision that they've reached, they're going to have them reordered and reheard. If they approve of them, after they've looked at everything, the full body of the court will get a chance to have give and take. They don't have to all agree, a majority of the Supreme Court would have to approve that opinion, and it would be published. Senator Chambers talked about a rehearing. You know right now you've got the opportunity for rehearing in the Nebraska Supreme Court. Somebody's got to lose the case, you either win or you lose. The judges have to make that final decision. And whoever the loser is, obviously, would always file for rehearing, but that isn't true. There are only specific reasons for rehearing, mistakes made by the court, obvious things in the record that were mistakes. Rehearings don't happen frequently, because if you had a rehearing that happened automatically or often the cases never end. Somebody's got to be the final decision-maker, and that is our Nebraska Supreme Court. We don't intend this bill to last forever. We don't want it to last forever. What we'd like to do is come up and have a discussion of what a permanent court of appeals should be, how we are going to handle the increased numbers of lawsuits in this state. This is not unique to us, but we're drowning right now in the Supreme Court. It's a shame that we have to wait two years for decisions. And our Supreme Court, right now, sets in divisions and those divisions have existing district court judges come up and help them right now. They're acting solely as an appeals court right now, they don't have the chance to sit down and look at the constitutionality of every case and take a good, long, thorough look on things that you and I think is important. And in response to Senator Chambers, this is not more chewing of the cud, this is not a lawyer...full lawyers employment bill, what this is is addressing the problems that we have in this state, and that is that we have got a backlog, and there is no reason in the world that you ought to wait for two years to have your case heard when it's up there and ready to go. And, with that, I'd be glad to answer any other questions. I'd urge the movement of this bill onto Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone LB 586. Would have the option of laying the bill over, Mr. President.