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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'd like to take it up now, your honor.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. (Laughter.) Senator Chambers, on your motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Your honor, members of the Legislature, (laughter) I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question, before I begin.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Did you address me as your honor?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, I addressed the Chair as his honor.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're just a rank and file ordinary person down here on the ground, like myself. Senator Kristensen, the honorable Senator Kristensen,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is it your opinion that the persons who would be assigned, whether retired district or Supreme Court judges, or active district court judges would be competent to rule on matters of law that would be involved in litigation?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would they not be allowed to rule on capital and constitutional matters?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Because I think there's an inherent responsibility for the full Supreme court to hear those most gravest matters, those being capital cases and constitutionality of statutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there is some sensing that the public wouldn't feel these people were competent to deal with those, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, not at all, because these are the exact