

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is not an efficient bill. And if it goes out of existence next December, December of next year, there will be some cases that these panels will have decided. And if they are complicated cases, maybe the cases won't have been decided by them when this thing goes out of existence. So the panel is sitting, hearing a case, December comes and they cease to be. The court is not going to tell them, well, don't continue the case, we're going to find a way to make you an ad hoc group and we'll make you a division of the Supreme Court and you just keep on deciding the cases as though the law never were and as though it were never...it never ceased to be. Mr. Chairman, I believe my time probably...my ten minutes are up? Okay, I'll continue afterward.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone? Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Korshoj and...proceed.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to vote for the IPP motion, and I am going to support the bill simply because I listened to Judge Hastings speak about it and I've tried to do some research, and I'd like to at least see perhaps whether this concept would work and help that backlog in the Supreme Court. But I do have some questions about it. And, believe me, I suppose I could have asked this at breakfast this morning, but my husband had other things on his mind and I do hear Supreme Court decisions and that kind of thing at breakfast, lunch and dinner a lot, believe me. But I thought maybe Senator Kristensen could answer just a couple of concerns that I have. One, to start with, this is not like the writ of cessare to the Supreme Court. It doesn't stop any case being appealed to the Nebraska Supreme Court, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, exactly.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. Then are we taking it for granted that these appellate judges will stop a lot of cases going to the Supreme Court? The reason I ask that question is I can't see really how it's going to get rid of that backlog.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Crosby, I don't want to take a lot of your time...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well I'm not making any big statement, I want the questions answered, so...