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SENATOR KORSHOJ: Okay. Thank you. You can have the rest of my time, if you want it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. I think it's important for us to look generally at what happens through the Supreme Court. You know, everybody in here probably has disagreed with the ruling of the Nebraska Supreme Court, be it on ag land values, be it on...no, not yet, Senator Korshoj. There is just a wide variety of cases that we probably all disagree. What we're really looking at is the process. And you know sometimes justice delayed is justice denied. And Senator Chambers will smile from ear to ear about that statement, but that is very true. We've got some very important cases that need to be taken care of. This isn't the long-term solution at all, but this allows us to get rid of that backlog that is there. These people are people who already serve on the Supreme Court. You know, district judges, my district judge out in Red Cloud, for example, gets called in every year to sit with the Nebraska Supreme Court. And they divide the Nebraska Supreme Court in half and they call that divisions. And one division will have four Supreme Court justices and one district judge, and the five of them hear a case and they'll make decisions right now. The other division has three Supreme Court justices and two district judges. So right now we're running a system of bringing district judges in. What the key is that the entire Nebraska Supreme Court doesn't get to sit down as a body and review these cases and talk about them. You know, in a committee, for example, the Government Committee, you know, if the whole committee gets a chance to sit down and discuss an issue they can work through some very difficult decisions. If there are only two or three of them there, sometimes you don't have all the perspectives, and that is a good example. What you want to do is have the full body of the Supreme Court review these and have some give and take about is this the right direction we should go, and you need to give them the time to correctly make those decisions. This process, through LB 586, is going to allow them to get rid of that backlog, so next year we can come in here and talk about a permanent solution to increased numbers of filings. We don't want to dissuade people from appealing. If they've got a legitimate error, they ought to have their day at the Supreme Court, and they ought to be given the full due consideration that they can have...