

mean a member of the Legislature's Executive Board Space Committee, this may not be such a bad bill because I have some ideas where they ought to be located, based on the quality of work they'll be doing. (Laughter.) And I don't think the flushing sounds will bother them that much because they can tie in what they say between the flushes. But here's what I want to ask you, in all seriousness, Senator Kristensen. Let's say that one of these appellate panels gets a case which at first blush doesn't appear as complex as it turns out to be, and December...when will this cease to be, December 31st, or whatever the date, that date comes? Will that panel continue to handle that case?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Not by statute, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will they continue to handle it, though, as a practical matter?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, I think that if this thing sunsets, they're done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what would become of the cases that are being heard by panels at that time?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't have the definitive answer. It's my impression and it would be my recommendation that that case would be handled by the Nebraska Supreme Court. It's not like that that date would just come falling out of the blue sky. They know far ahead and would probably scale down towards the end, so they wouldn't have a lot of cases that would have to be reheard.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, the 1990 deadline means that we're really talking about a deadline prior to that, if we want the work that these panels do to be completed by the deadline, the statutory deadline.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, they would probably quit hearing cases, perhaps, a month ahead of time, but they would still be busy up until that period of time writing recommendations and finishing up their work, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a case is not completed by then, will they