

say, what in heavens name have we put down there? But here's a serious question, I wanted to give Senator Kristensen a chance to get to his mike. Senator Kristensen, I've alleged this session that the Supreme Court judges want to reduce their work and ask for a salary increase, too. Will this bill reduce the work of the Supreme Court?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They'll be working just as hard, with this bill in place, as they are now.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's not like they don't have something else to do, if they get this. They're still going to be writing their full load of opinions. All we're doing is getting rid of the backlog, the things that they could never handle before. They're not going to limit the number of opinions, and they're not going to write less opinions. This is a catch-up, we've got to get rid of that backlog.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they won't slow down because they have additional people doing this work that they, themselves, would have had to do otherwise.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If they slow down, the backlog is just going to get bigger.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'm not asking an if, I'm...here's the question I'm asking you, my if. If this bill is passed, it's your opinion that they will not slow down in their activities as a result of knowing that they have others who are assisting with the work that they otherwise would have had to do alone?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They will slow down?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, they will not slow down.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Do you think the judges partake of the same human nature that the rest of us mortals do?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Just by the fact that you're a judge or a lawyer or a plumber or anybody...