

Supreme Court". And, Senator Chizek, I agree, those who suffer are those who go to the Supreme Court. Now, if these judges can have their work reduced, and that's what's going to happen, and then they can also get a substantial salary increase, I say more power to them. That's what everybody tries to do in this society. Minimum effort, maximum return, so they want to do as little as possible and be compensated as much as possible for it. Senator Chizek, I'm not taking my position on this bill because of the nature of decisions, although when some judges came before us I had a chance to express my views about a certain opinion they gave. But, if you read through some of the Supreme Court decisions, I mean re...check it for the syntax, check it for logic, check it for clarity, it's pretty poor stuff. And maybe they are in a big hurry, and maybe it's not just a lack of capability in doing their work, but it's out there for everybody to read. And I'm not one of those who, just because somebody puts on a black robe and sits up on a chair that puts them in a position to look down on everybody else, will say that whatever he does is right, that whatever he does is quality work. That is not the case and you all ought to read more of these opinions. I don't mean the ones that just relate to a particular issue that you're interested in. When these advance sheets come out, these little gray com : books, as some people call them, or funny books, read them, r d them. And one county judge in Nebraska had a lawyer reading a case to him from that and he said, I ain't going to have the law read to me from no funny book, didn't even know what an advance sheet was. Maybe, though, he was more correct in his assessment than (laughter) we are who are trying to accord a certain amount of stature to what comes out of the Supreme Court. This I must say, not all of the judges are lacking in capability. Not all of them are lacking in dedication. But remember they get to be judges through a political process. They are filtered through a nominating committee which is composed of people who were put on there for political reasons. That group can then send three names. They send two strikes and a ball, and the ball is selected, a lost ball in high weeds, but it's not as bad as a strike, so you get an incompetent on the bench as a political payoff, and these judges are not selected because of their capability in the law. And there are lawyers on this floor who, if you can get them away from the mike to ask them about some of the experiences they've had with some judges, they'll talk about them worse than I'm doing. But remember, these remarks don't apply to all the judges, but my remarks apply to these panels. And, Senator Chizek, when I used the term "crusty and