

amendment, I'd be voting in favor of a proposition that says a person is entitled as a matter of right only to that appeal to the appellate court. And since my time is running out and I can't start another train of thought and complete it, I will relinquish what few seconds I may have at this point.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, on the committee amendments, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to respond to a few of the comments that Senator Chambers has made and to advocate adoption of the amendment. If you are in the federal court system and you have a violation of a federal law or a federal right, and you choose to go into the federal court system, you take your case to the Federal District Court located here in Nebraska and you'll get a decision. And if you get a decision, you have a right of appeal, and your right of appeal is to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, or sometimes it sits in Minneapolis. After you get the review by the 8th Circuit, if you are still dissatisfied, you can appeal to the United States Supreme Court, but because of the volume of appeals that could go to the United States Supreme Court, because of the fact that if they accepted all requests for appeals to their court, they would be inundated with appeals and could not possibly decide all those cases, the United States Supreme Court has what they call a writ of certiorari and that is a request for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and the United States Supreme Court can either grant or deny that request. As a general rule, the United States Supreme Court denies almost all writs of certiorari. They accept a very limited number of cases, and they accept these limited number of cases for the purposes of establishing some kind of precedent or some kind of decision where the various circuits around the country may be in conflict or where it is an issue of law that has not been clearly decided before. We do not have an ultimate right to appeal everything to the United States Supreme Court. United States Supreme Court will not hear all appeals. Similarly in Nebraska, while we have had a right to appeal to our Nebraska Supreme Court, the caseload has become so heavy and unbearable that there is a backlog of cases right now, so that if you file an appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court, you will wait two years or more to get a decision. It is often said that justice delayed is justice denied. For a person who is wanting a decision on an important legal matter to have to wait two years for the Nebraska Supreme