

had stated when I first began that there are so many matters that need to be discussed, that I have got to discuss some of them while we consider the committee amendments. But I would like to ask you a question, with reference to that bill that you alluded to, which has been drafted and has been introduced, are you aware of who had that bill drafted?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, that bill was drafted after an extensive study of the Nebraska Supreme Court by a center, the National Center for State Courts, and they issued a rather large recommendation and study of our system, and then that bill was drafted after reviewing that report, and that report was requested by the Supreme Court.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kristensen, are you aware that the court administrator submitted the request to have that bill drafted?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it was done because the Supreme Court wanted that bill drafted, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, the Supreme Court is interested in making sure that the appellate system in this state works as opposed to the drowning situation we are in right now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kristensen, if you can be more direct in responding to the question because my time is limited and I am trying to get to something, the State Court Administrator would not have had that bill drafted if it were contrary to the wishes of the Supreme Court, is that right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I believe that to be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, was the purpose, if you know, in having that bill drafted so the Legislature would have a chance to see exactly what form this court would take should this constitutional amendment be adopted?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That was more of my urging. I think that is helpful to have a public hearing for people to see what this court may look like.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the point is that the purpose of the