

It can modify the decision. It can uphold part of it and reverse the rest of it. But it is not in the same position as the trial court which is under pressure, a greater type of pressure. So to have trial judges sitting as appellate judges is a cheating of the public, in my opinion, but the court was so anxious to try to make the point that it needed help in resolving the backlog that it was willing to put this unwise system into operation, which it has done. Senator Kristensen, here is the question I want to ask you. Has there been a legislative study as to whether or not this appellate court is feasible? To your knowledge, has there been such a study?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Legislative Research has looked into the matter and has given us some...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I am not talking about Legislative Research. Has there been a formal legislative study of the kind that would be conducted when the Legislature is going to study some issue? Has a committee studied this matter as a committee studies other matters that we set aside for legislative study?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Have we had a study, an interim study?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, there has not been an interim study. We have had extensive committee hearings.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, have there been public hearings...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on this? When did the public hearings occur and where?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, they were last February in the Judiciary Committee. We had almost a full day of committee hearings.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Kristensen, I am not talking about those bills. The Supreme Court brought about seven bills. Has there