

been a specific public hearing on this matter outside the context of hearings on bills that were introduced?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, you are going to have to get a little clearer for me. Are you talking about LR 8, or are you talking about a bill that has been referenced to the Judiciary Committee?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, since it is difficult for me to make you understand, I will speak again and I won't do it through questions. I will make my statements directly.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, please, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker,, and members of the body, if I could ask Senator Kristensen, maybe you have answered this, but as I read the committee amendments, I, in a court case, and the appeals court is in place now.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And it is a civil suit. I take it up to the appeals court. I am judged against me, I lose. Do I have a right then to appeal to the Supreme Court?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You do not have a right to appeal to the Supreme Court. But here's...let's backtrack a little bit just so you understand the system that would be in place here. You brought your case originally in the district court.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Can we have it...can we use a traffic case?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, let's say that...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Don't get me too flustered.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I'm prepared for...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Don't (interruption)...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am hesitant to use specific examples but let's say that a party had a car accident case and they won, but the other side says, well, one, we can't pay it, we don't want to pay it, you appeal. Let's say you lose, and you appeal. You