

not to shut off debate on the bill or on the resolution, but it was actually just to move it away from the committee amendments and on to the meat of the bill, itself, and that is where the debate should center. The committee amendments are designed to correct what is kind of a technical error in the resolution. They are...under current law, there are several different ways of appeal. The most common one is from the district court to the Supreme Court. There are other appeals, for example, if you have your case initially tried in the county court, you have an appeal from the county court to the district court. In an administrative law hearing, you might have an appeal from an administrative law judge to the district court. All this amendment does is to provide and make it clear that when we are limiting the right to one appeal that that appeal is not that appeal from the county court to the district court, or it is not that appeal from the administrative law judge to the district court. Rather, we are making it clear that at the very minimum every person is entitled to appeal to the intermediate appellate court. That is what this is doing. If we intend to pass this resolution, I think it is imperative in order to protect the rights of the people that we include in there that they have at a minimum that intermediate appellate court appeal. I did vote last spring against the temporary intermediate court of appeals because I felt that the right to appeal is one of our most basic rights. We have to have that ability to have, one judge who may decide someone's fate, have the ability to have that reviewed. So I am very concerned about the right to appeal, just as is Senator Chambers, just as is Senator Kristensen, but that is not what we are arguing here. What we are arguing here is a technical correction, or is a correction to guarantee that every person is entitled to that appellate court review, to that final appellate court review. It does not, as Senator Chambers correctly points out, it does not preserve an appeal of right to the Supreme Court, but then, again, the resolution, itself, does not. What this does is generate some additional protection for the people, generates...makes it absolutely clear that they are entitled to that appeal to the intermediate court of appeals. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments, and that this debate be continued, and I think it is important that it be continued, but let's continue that where it should be debated and that is on the meat of the bill, and with the amendments to the bill, and any time remaining I'd give back to Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen, two minutes.