

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. In summary for the committee amendments, these really do not determine what the basic meat of this resolution is, and there are a number of things that Senator Chambers and others are going to want to bring up as we debate this bill, but, quite frankly, the committee amendments clarify what the intent here is. It is not to cut people off from county court to district court and say, hey, that is your only appeal. Senator Chambers is correct in that the district court is primarily a trial court, and we don't want them handling all of the final appeals from county court to district court, and what we want them to do is have one shot to an appellate level court, either the appeals court that we will create or the Nebraska Supreme Court, and that is a very basic right that we have and it is one that we need to continue, and I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. You have heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LR 8CA. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. The Chair is pleased to announce that we have the first doctor of the day with us for this Second Session. A very familiar face to all of us, Dr. Michels of Lincoln is our doctor of the day and, Dr. Michels, we are glad to see you back. Thank you. Senator Kristensen, would you like to share with us the bill as now amended.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I certainly would. Our Constitution needs to be changed slightly to enable us to address a very basic problem that we have heard here this morning, and I think one of the things that we want to start to look at is everybody is getting a little confused and saying, well, I ought to have a right to go to the highest court in the land. I ought to be able to go to the Nebraska Supreme Court. Well, that is true to a certain extent. But let's look beyond that of why you need a right to an appeal. Most of the time you are going to have a court case and you are going to feel as if somehow there was an error, you lost. The winning party would never appeal. It is always going to be the person who lost and