

months, and up to two years, as I understand it, to get a case heard before the Supreme Court, and it seems like each year we are getting a little farther behind. So I think it is up to this body to at least put it on the ballot and let the citizens of Nebraska decide whether we want another layer or not. Personally, I think I will support it. We don't know the cost, but we know that some of these costs are going up, but I think that the citizens of Nebraska are entitled to get a case, an appeal case, heard a little sooner than they are. I think Senator Abboud said that many other states are doing this now, so Nebraska certainly wouldn't be out of line by going ahead with something like this, and letting the people decide. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The member from Hastings, Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a layman, I am standing to ask some questions, too, and Senator Chambers was absolutely right when he said that most of the rest of us on the floor, when it comes to these kinds of resolutions or bills, can't even begin to talk about them, let alone understand what in the world people are talking about, and all we have are our attorneys to stand up here and tell us this is what we should be doing. And we all begin to become a little cautious when only the attorneys want it, quite honestly, but I would have a number of questions I would like to ask you, Senator Kristensen, because I am trying to understand...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and trying to be real fair about this, but, basically, what this would do then is, if we approve of this measure, this would go on the ballot for a vote by the people?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That is correct, on the November ballot.

SENATOR SMITH: All right. Okay, now my next question to you is, do you really believe that by putting this on the ballot, because as a layperson I can tell you that it is very difficult for me to even pronounce correctly whether it is an appellate court or some other pronunciation and what that means, and I know that there are a large percentage of people out there that when they read that on the ballot, they ask themselves that same question, what is this? So they are going to be asked to vote