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chance for justice in these courts, a perfect poor man's chance, which means no chance. We see that even with the present system. There are inequities and unfairnesses in the way the courts operate. We are going to build in an additional level that encourages unfairness and arbitrariness by the State Supreme Court. I am opposed to this bill. I think what would have been responsible would be to have public hearings...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Time is up, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read in?

CLERK: Yes, Madam President, I do, new bills. (Read for the first time by title: LB 1102, LB 1103, LB 1104, LB 1105, LB 1106, LB 1107, LB 1108, LB 1109, LB 1110, LB 1111. See pages 279-82 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have notice of hearing from the Government Committee. That is signed by Senator Baack as Chair of the committee. (Re: LB 970, LB 1009, LB 893, LB 874, LR 233CA. See page 281 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Madam President, at this time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Abboud. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam Speaker, members of the Legislature, if you could imagine a process by which we, as legislators, were asked not just to rule on the bills that we introduce but on every idea given to us by our constituents and every idea given to us at the behest of the citizens of the State of Nebraska, you'd approximate the situation that the Supreme Court finds itself in. Their work load is not of their own making. We, as the legislative branch make our own work load collectively by being able to say yes or no to the ideas our constituents bring to us. Every now and then we say, okay, fine, I will draft it and we'll introduce it. My guess is for everyone of those, you have got two or three bills that are suggested to you that you say I don't think it will work or I would rather not carry that. Best of luck, maybe you have got another avenue, but, in fact, we can't take that... I am not going to take that problem on. Maybe we don't do it enough but we do it. But imagine a Legislature in which any person in the State of Nebraska could provide us a bill idea that we would have to draft into bill form, hold a public hearing on, have a debate on this floor, and then write our decisions as a body, not just our own individual