

vote, but to write our answer to that bill in a written decision. We take 90 days to do our work. Are there enough months in the year to do that? I doubt it. And wouldn't it be exactly what has happened to the judiciary, that, in fact, even though they work as diligently as they do, that process is so cumbersome and difficult that by the time it is all done, they are deciding their cases two years after hearing them, two years after hearing them. That would happen to us if we operated under the same rules. We don't. We control our own work load. They do not. Now, it is absolutely vital to have some form of refinement or review, a mandatory, authorized, unequivocal right to appeal; that, on the other hand, it seems to me is not necessarily to be exercised in one and only one way, and that is to go to the Supreme Court. I support LR 8, and I think if we just spent a moment thinking about our own work load and comparing our resources to the seven members of the Supreme Court, we should have a great deal of sympathy for the situation that they find themselves in because they, in fact, unlike us, have to answer each and every question brought to them by citizens with no intermediary process like we have to keep us from frivolous issues, issues with no chance of success, issues that are several questions. We do not have...they do not have that power, we do. We profit by it. It is a mistake for us to think that this is a process that is equivalent to our own or is equivalent to the other branches of government, either the executive or the legislative. It is very particular, very specialized, and nobody else operates under this kind of mechanism in which they have to deal with each and every problem, not of their own choosing, but of the citizens making, and this, it seems to me, if you want the Supreme Court to do a good job, needs to have insulation from that by putting in and expand the appellate...

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...level that can handle the work load, rather than simply force this huge amount of litigation, this huge amount of controversy into the very narrow resources of what seven members of the Supreme Court can do in the appeals that they hear. I support LR 8.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President, members, I have some concerns as I think I attempted to raise a little bit in my