

starting to come of age. We're starting to have more complex lawsuits. You know how they talk about things move from the coast in, issues, the insurance prices, all those other things, the drug wars and all those sorts of things...

SENATOR SMITH: So coming of age may mean that we're becoming much more involved in litigation.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: A more complex society.

SENATOR SMITH: That doesn't say anything very nice about what we're seeing ourselves, you know, what is happening. I think...have any attempts been made to look at the other end of the issue to see if there is some way that we could eliminate some of what will be very, considered to be very frivolous kinds of lawsuits that are being taken by attorneys? Sometimes, from what I'm even told, at their own suggestion?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We have done that as a body. I don't know...maybe Senator Ashford was involved in that in the frivolous lawsuit legislation that you've already passed. We have done that...

SENATOR SMITH: And that has not evidently impacted (inaudible).

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...a couple of years ago here and there are sanctions, "dissanctions" for frivolous lawsuits.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith, could I just give you one other...?

SENATOR SMITH: Nope, nope, nope. because I have a couple more questions, I'm afraid I'll run out of time. If I have time left over, you can take it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Fine.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, I would like to know, I'm interested in some of the things now that I've been hearing Senator Ashford talk about and he's talking about the judge selection process and evidently a measure that Senator Lindsay is proposing which would increase the number of judges on the Supreme Court. How would this solve the problem, or could it solve the problem in