

six people do it. It's just not going to cut it. If we add more judges, it's more expense. We've got a delay factor regardless. We've got an additional layer of appeal that people are going to be delayed even further than they are now. Finally, the suggestion that Senator Kristensen made that adding two senators isn't going to reduce the work load of the Legislature, and that is true, but let's look at that differently. If we had the entire 49 senators hearing every bill that came up, if we had a committee of 49 hearing every bill that was introduced, would our work load be reduced? I suggest not. I suggest that the committee structure would be the proper analogy here. The committee structure is designed to screen some of those bills that may not deserve the attention of the entire body and that same analogy can be applied to the court, that is that some of those cases, some divorce cases where there may not be a real issue, do not need to be heard by the entire court. I don't think that the analogy that adding two senators is going to do it. I do think that the analogy of allowing some sort of a screening process by judges rather than behind the doors, screening process on the petitions to be heard by the Supreme Court is the proper approach. I urge that the amendment be adopted. I believe it is a better approach. I think it's going to reduce the backlog. I think it's going to reduce the time of appeal whereas the intermediate court of appeals will not do that. I think it will be the more fair, more just system. I'd urge the adoption of the amendment. And, Mr. Speaker, at this time in order to save time, I'd ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. A call of the house has been requested. The question is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call, motion prevails. Members, please return to your seats and record your presence. Those members outside the Legislative Chamber, please return and record your presence, the house is under call. Senator Dierks, would you check in, please. Senator Byars, Senator Lynch. Senator Landis, please check in. Senator Hannibal, would you please check in. Senator Ashford, please. Senator Nelson, would you record your presence, please. Senator Crosby, please. Members, will please return to your seats for a vote on the amendment. The question before the body is the adoption of the