

the Constitution...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Or it says "all felonies".

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as it stands now, right, in all cases of felony.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, so we're going to expand this now to all criminal, that would include reckless driving, careless driving, those are all misdemeanors, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, but currently you have an appeal to the Supreme Court as a matter of right on those matters.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that's because we've allowed those cases to happen through our Constitution, but what you're going to do with this amendment is put all criminal and not just felony, right? So you're going to, in fact, embrace constitutionally more items to be appealed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to embrace, with this amendment, exactly what is embraced now in terms of what a person has a right to appeal to the Supreme Court. Currently, you have a right to appeal everything.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, that's what I wanted to know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Criminal or civil.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's right, thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers is just trying another effort, as he is adept at doing sometimes, to keep the status quo. He doesn't like the bill and he doesn't like the amendments and so on, and what this does, it makes no substantive changes at all. It keeps status quo and with criminal, you've got all felony cases right now, those are mandated to the Supreme Court. We're not going to deny those people the right to an appeal. They're going to have their right to appeal. They're going to, for example, you start down in county court. Senator Chambers makes a jump here. He says, well, the district court rubber-stamps it. The district court acts as an appeals court. They look at the record down in