

regarding two guests, as a matter of fact, of Senator "Cap" Dierks. We have, under the north balcony, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Childers from Chambers, Nebraska. Jerry is a participant in the LEAD program. Mr. and Mrs. Childers, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us this afternoon. Mr. Clerk, we will proceed with another amendment to LR 8.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to LR 8 that I have is from Senator Chambers. (Read the Chambers amendment as found on page 289 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to explain his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I have two amendments up there and I would rather take the other one first. And if there are others that would come before, then just put mine behind all the others so that I can take that other one first.

ASSISTANT CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, the next amendment that I have is from Senator Ashford and Senator Chambers. I believe copies have been distributed. (The Chambers-Ashford amendment appears on page 284 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, will you explain your amendment.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you. Mr. President and members, my amendment I believe has been distributed to the body and it's a typed paper that you should have in front of you. And what it does is it reflects what we talked about earlier today on the issue of whether or not the Legislature should approve or confirm judges of the appellate court. In effect, we would be adopting for the appellate court the system which is analogous to the federal court system whereby the Senate of the United States gives its advice and consent on the selection of judges. Now why should we do this? First of all, the system that we have now for selecting judges was adopted, I believe, in about 1962 and it is a system which was supported by the Bar Association and is endorsed by the Bar Association. It, basically, is the "merit system" for the selection of judges and the argument is that by I would guess you would call purist in the profession that we want to keep politics totally out of the