

comment on those appointments. Let's let a little bit of openness come into what I think has been a far too closed system. Now I understand the grip lock that's been there by the Bar Association, by attorneys, that don't want to give up that authority and power, but I think it's time the people have a little more say-so over one of the branches of government that serves them in state government. And so I very much support the Ashford amendment. I think it's the right thing to do...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...and I would ask your support as well.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm so tempted to just start launching into the merits of this bill, but I think before I do that, there are some things we better look at. You know this resolution was introduced, what...Senator Ashford, you are the sponsor of this, could I ask you a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: When did this amendment...it's been placed into a resolution, is that correct?

SENATOR ASHFORD: What?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: This amendment of yours is embodied in another bill, a resolution that's already been introduced in this session, right?

SENATOR ASHFORD: There is a bill that covers all courts. This...this amendment only covers appellate courts.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: This is only the appellate court, but the concept is in LR 237, right?

SENATOR ASHFORD: That wasn't my bill but there is another, I don't know the number, but there...Senator Chizek and Senator Chambers have another bill.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. And do you know when that was