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SENATOR ASHFORD: I really don't, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. I think it was introduced yesterday. Whether it was two days ago or yesterday doesn't make any difference, we're starting a real dangerous precedent in a short session. You've got a bill that got introduced yesterday and here it is today without a hearing, without anything else. If that's the way we want to do it, that's okay, but I think we better know that's what's happening and what's going on. Now going to the meat of this and just, at my first blush, because, quite frankly, I haven't had a chance to sit down and look at this either since it just got introduced, but my initial reaction is that if the Legislature is not in session, they're going to appoint somebody temporarily, which means they're going to leave their business or their law practice on the hope that the Legislature may smile on them and appoint them. Now how many people who are sitting in a good position or a respected job where they have partners or other business endeavors are going to go off just temporarily until the Legislature meets again and hope that they get approved? Now the difference is with Congress they're in session all year or most of the year. Some of us are distressed that they're in session so much. There are people that are distressed that we're in session, but, quite frankly, we're a different animal. This bill may have some merit. I think we ought to take a look at it but it ought to be down in whatever committee it gets referenced to and not on its second day in the Legislature being attached to this sort of legislation. With that, I would urge that this amendment be defeated.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, would you care to discuss the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, Senator Kristensen touched on a question I want to ask but I will hold that for just a moment because I do want to ask you to answer it, Senator Kristensen. This particular amendment and the discussion that I have heard from Senator Wesely and so on, and a lot of those arguments are very telling. However, go back in history just a little, probably more than just a little, a long time ago in Nebraska and most states judges were elected and they were in the elective process and as time went on people who thought about it and paid attention thought that was not a good