

there and say, well, you know, we don't want to offend anybody, and then we wonder when we get outfoxed, outgunned all the time, why it occurs. This amendment is not going to infringe on what the court can decide, nor is it going to determine the types of things that are within the court's jurisdiction. It simply says that when an appointment is made to this appellate court, there will be a hearing before the appropriate committee, at which time the public is invited, not only to observe and listen but to offer input, and I don't think there is anything wrong with that. And this final point, Senator Crosby, 24 or 25 states elect judges right now and this Supreme Court of Nebraska is not opposed to letting decisions from those courts as precedent or assists in deciding cases that occur...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in Nebraska. So the quality of their cases, apparently, is not affected adversely by the fact that they're elected.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some questions for Senator Ashford if he would yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Ashford, I have been trying to find where you would put this particular amendment. Where would you insert it?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Where would I insert it?

SENATOR PIRSCH: In the bill. In the resolution.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, I don't know, we'd find a place somewhere for it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: You don't have...

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't have...I haven't...I haven't gone to my desk, Senator Pirsch, and pieced out each section to see where it would go, but it would...it would follow in a natural