

sequence, I guess, with what we have already put down there. There would be a provision that says that the Legislature would confirm the judges. I guess it would approve or disapprove. It would go somewhere in one of those sections. I haven't gone through the bill drafting process to decide where I think it would go.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Now you spoke of all judges, while your amendment is strictly the appellate court judges.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right. That's correct. This only applies to the new court that we are, in effect, creating by this resolution. We're starting here, in effect, by saying we're going to create a new court, we're also going to have some say in approving or disapproving. It does not apply to the other courts. It would only apply to the appellate court. There's another bill that handles that issue.

SENATOR PIRSCH: That's what I understand and would you perhaps contemplate adding that on Select File then?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't think...I...I agree with Senator Kristensen and Senator Chambers, it would probably not be germane because it applies to courts other than the appellate court, so I would guess that that other bill will have to go on its own merits or possibly would have to go on some other vehicle. But, no, I don't think it can go on this one.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Another one of my concerns is that this is quite a wordy amendment. Is it really necessary to put in all the details into the Constitution? Wouldn't it be better to reserve that for the accompanying legislation?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I think that's an excellent point, Senator Pirsch, and I had that same concern a little bit in that we could maybe look at the language, because I don't think we need all those sentences, I guess, to do what we're trying to do, and we could certainly clean that up. But I think you have raised an excellent point.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. That was one concern. Now another question. We have...we have put the oversight of the Legislature into this. Would we need to add another section, the nominating commissions? Are the nominating commissions not in the Constitution also?