

Court from the final orders and judgments of such commission. How does that interface with what you're doing there? There is already a provision in Section 9, Article XV...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Ashford, would you speak into the microphone.

SENATOR ASHFORD: There already is a provision in Article XV, Section 9. Just for the record, if you'd answer that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Yes, the language that is stricken takes away the right of appeal to the Supreme Court. Right now that right to appeal is protected by the Constitution. The Legislature, under the present state of the Constitution, cannot take that right away. By striking that language and saying the appeal shall be as provided by law, it puts the Legislature in a position to say what form it will take and how far you can take it. And under the existing status of this LR 8, the only matters that can appeal to the Supreme Court, as a matter of right and protected by the Constitution against legislative interference, are the capital cases and those involving challenge to the constitutionality of a statute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, so your amendment then puts the right to appeal to the commission back in, or takes it out?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Puts back the right to appeal to the Supreme Court from a finding by the commission.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, all right. So it basically retains the language that is already there in Article XV, Section 9, just reaffirms that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it would put back in the Constitution the language that is already there. It would retain it.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, and if we passed the resolution without your amendment, we would be taking out the language in Article XV, Section 9 which gives to labor unions the right to appeal the Supreme Court decisions of the commission, or management.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right,...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay.