

That is one appeal, why don't you cut it off there if one appeal is all you need? The district is a trial court, not an appellate court and it's ridiculous to even require an appeal right now from the county court to the district court which is a trial court. There are other problems in this system that should be addressed before we talk about revamping it by taking away a fundamental right that the citizens have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is my time...?

PRESIDENT: Yes, it's expired. Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker and members, I agree with the goal that sponsors of this proposal have to eliminate the backlog and justice denied is...or justice delayed is justice denied, but what I am seeing across the country and across this state is the Constitution is slowly being chipped away at. It's under attack all the time for one reason or another, drugs, crimes, backlogs in a court. These are the problems that are supposedly being solved at the expense of citizens' rights. You look at getting tough on drugs. It sounds good, it's a real hot issue, but in some cases it boils down to random search and seizure, but that's okay. The ends do justify the means there according to some people. Well, not to me, I don't think they do. If there is a reason to do something, fine. But if you're just going to go out and randomly check people, no cause, no reasonable suspicion, then that's not fine with me and I have a lot of problems with that and I see this overall issue, we're slowly chipping away at the constitutional rights of our citizens. If you attack a flag which represents the ideals of the Constitution, you'll get thumped. The symbol of the Constitution, the flag, if you attack it, and the things that the Constitution represents our rights, you'll get beat bloody probably on this floor right here. So this is really confusing. I support Senator Chambers' efforts and his amendments to stand up against this erosion of our rights and I will continue to support or oppose LR 8CA. Another confusing issue is last year when we were talking about let's get tough on drugs and mandatory drug sentencing, and I voted against that and some people asked me, you know, what's the problem, why can't you support that? And I said, well, don't you trust your judges? Don't you trust them to make the right decision the way things