

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So rather than say reinstate that language and leave this in, it wouldn't make sense because it wouldn't be amended anymore.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, okay. That's good. Thank you. That was a legitimate question and I had...I want to get back to your invoking the passions of people saying we're going to do away with your rights. You know really what the CIR does is they deal with public employees and they deal with collective bargaining, they deal with contracts, the Association of Public Employees, the teachers' unions and so on, these are not cases where they are huge trial courts. They're collective bargaining units and so on. And in fact, if you look further into this, the rights of labor altogether, you'll see that the ALF-CIO was down and testified in favor of LB 942 which creates the Court of Appeals and their statements are look, it can't be any worse for us than it is now. We want the right to have an expedited appeal or at least have our appeals heard in a quicker manner and we want to be under LR 8, we want to be under LB 942 and you will see that if you look back in the records of our committee hearings. But Senator Chambers is trying to tell you that they went thataway, that what truly we're trying to do is trample the rights of those hard workers and that just isn't true. It isn't true that big business is going to be affected by this amendment that he has right here. Quite frankly, what it is, is an attempt to go and put just one little chink back into this and say, look, it isn't fair, this thing is atrocious, and it's not. In fact, most of these people are very willing to come back. We've talked to NAPE, the Association of Federal, State and County Municipal Employees. They have been supportive of this. The University of Nebraska people who do the collective bargaining have no problems with these things. The NSEA doesn't have a problem with the procedures that are used. In fact...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...they're supportive of this system and I would urge you to defeat the Chambers amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I'd ask Senator Kristensen if he'd yield to a question.