

by means of a statute. LB 942, the bill designed to create this appellate monstrosity goes through all of the statutes and systematically removes every appeal that currently can go to the Supreme Court. Every issue that currently is guaranteed going to the Supreme Court by statute is stricken by LB 942 which means that when it comes on the floor, if it does, the body will accept 942 without amendment as they feel constrained to accept LR 8 without amendment. That will mean that none of the appeals that currently are guaranteed only by statute to go to the Supreme Court will even have that statutory guarantee because all of those are being stricken by LB 942. And what we will be left with in fact and in law is a situation where the Supreme Court will be required to hear appeals only in capital cases which are very few and those challenging the constitutionality of a statute and they will be in here asking for more money and I will look with a jaundiced eye at an effort of that kind. I cannot see myself rewarding a court who sees its number one objective to be taking away constitutional rights from citizens.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Somebody said to the jaundiced eye, everything appears yellow and that's the way any attempt by these judges to get more money after trying to do all they can to increase their numbers to reduce the work load, deny citizens constitutional rights to reduce their work load and then are going to ask me to pay them for doing that kind of work against the interests of the citizens. No way can I do that and no way will I do that. I'm asking that you adopt this amendment which would strike those lines on page 5 that I mentioned and by striking those lines from LR 8, we will leave the Constitution untouched when it comes to appeals from the final orders and judgments of the Industrial Commission. And people having a dispute who disagree with the final order or judgment will continue to have a right guaranteed by the Constitution to appeal to the Supreme Court.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We...oh...

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.