

will hear a case. It is not a complicated matter involving recording devices, that kind of thing. All you really need are the three judges, a file, and maybe a clerk. So there are many courtrooms across the state, whether county or district courtrooms, that could accommodate the court of appeals if they choose to sit in some location other than Lincoln. With that, I would move the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, did you wish to discuss the amendment? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I wish to discuss every aspect of this bill and every amendment that will be offered, and some that ought to be offered but won't be offered. I would like to ask Senator Wickersham a question, though, about a comment he made to see if I understood him correctly.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, when you were talking about how easy it would be to conduct the types of hearings you are discussing, you said recording equipment is not necessary, and mentioned the parties who would be involved. Could you state that again, what would be entailed in this type of hearing, this review?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: My understanding that the reviews would be conducted much as they are now in the Supreme Court. Those hearings are not recorded. All that is necessary is that you would have the judges present, probably a clerk, the file, which would represent the transcript and record from the lower court, and either the litigants, if they are appearing pro se, or counsel for the litigants.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then it is your understanding, Senator Wickersham, that should an appeal be taken from the appellate court to the Supreme Court, whatever happens in the appellate court will have nothing to do with what comes before the Supreme Court, but only the original record in the trial court?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That is my understanding, no new evidence