

unfair. And the voters in the State of Nebraska agreed. The voters weren't misled, not at all. The voters in this state, by an overwhelming margin, said we want quicker justice. We want a system of appeal that will work. Right now the system of appeal doesn't work because of haste. We have judges that have doubled their output in the last 20 years but their work has tripled and if you don't do anything, that system will go even further out of whack and it will collapse and what you will have is people will deny rights. You know, Senator Chambers talks about we're denying rights under this amendment. Well, we aren't denying people's rights. The key is you have a right to be heard at the trial level. You've got a right to have an appeal to review if that's correct. You know, there are some states that don't even allow a mandatory right of an appeal to anybody and that's how they manage the caseload, they just don't hear it. People in this state have a right, a constitutional right to have an appeal.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that appeal is either the Supreme Court or to this appellate court. And if you're going to give people meaningful rights and meaningful appeals, you've got to give them meaningful systems and you just can't throw your hands up and say, oh, it's really unfair, it's not right, so we're not going to do anything. That's not true. We owe the people of the State of Nebraska a lot more and we owe them a system of meaningful justice and meaningful justice doesn't mean putting 1,200 cases onto 7 individuals and say, you've got to be omnipotent, you can't make mistakes, you've got to decide every one of these cases. The Legislature, last year, determined that that wasn't what we're going to do. The voters decided that's not what we're going to do. And I submit to you that this is the best opportunity to do something. Now Senator Chambers raises some good points.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers raises points that need to be into the record for discussion about how the court will work. Never, never would I deny him that right and I think that he has some very substantive things to say. With that, I will punch my light on and will talk further.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We will now go