

to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it's regrettable that so people are willing to discuss an issue such as this for the sake of the record. But, as one of my colleagues indicated, you can't beat the lobby, and I recognize that but still there are things I have to get into the record. Senator Kristensen talks about the amount of time it takes to have an appeal heard under the present system. Senator Kristensen, haste does not always lead to a better or more fair result. Let's use an analogy. You've got to go to the dentist because you have a bad tooth. There are few dentists in town so the dentist tells you when you call his or her office that it's going to take three months before you can get an appointment to have your teeth dealt with. On the other hand, there's a mule skinner down the street who will take you in this afternoon. So, Senator Kristensen, because he's in a hurry and wants something done no matter how, goes to the mule skinner and then the job that he gets is unsatisfactory and he recognizes the meaning of that expression, "haste makes waste." Well, call the appellate court then, Senator Kristensen, a mule skinner court if you don't want it...if you don't want it a peon court, or a public skinner court. But the point is this, whenever the Supreme Court or any judicial group which is interested in as high a salary as possible, as little work as possible is trying to make its case, they can exaggerate how many cases are going to be filed, how difficult their work is. But then when they want to get awards and plaques they want to tell you how expeditiously they're handling the workload, how they're getting these cases out of the way, how they're dispensing justice in a manner required. So they argue whichever side of the case is necessary to achieve their purpose. They are lawyers. That's the way lawyers do. You can hire a lawyer to defend the most vicious murderer and he will portray that person as an angel, then somebody says, wait a minute, you're not supposed to be the defender, you're supposed to be the prosecutor. He switches around from Dr. Jekyll, the defender of the helpless, to Mr. Hyde, the one who is going to seek vengeance on this rotten, no-good scoundrel who should no longer walk the face of the earth and he will argue just as learnedly and well on the opposite side of the question because he's not being honest and truthful no matter which side he's talking about because he is a hired gun. Principles, ethics, are not the question. It's who is paying the bill and who can pay the most to hire this gun. If you saw a movie called "Once Upon A Time In The West", it was