

the next speaker, I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Bernard-Stevens. Under the south balcony we have Lavon Sumption from North Platte. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. We will now go to Senator Ashford to speak. Is Senator Ashford here?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I will just give my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, even though I'm discussing this bill at length, Senator Kristensen knew this would happen because he agreed there were things that needed to be in the record. Other people are not going to talk on the bill. Other people have concerns with the people who are supporting this bill and they know that it could pose a problem if they would say some of the things on the floor that they've said to me about the bill. So it falls to me to try to get all of these things into the record and I'm not going to be able to cover every issue. But in the time that is available, there are some things that I want to be sure are there for future reference. I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question. Senator Kristensen, you have...is it true that you have said that with the creation of this appellate court system people will have an appeal...and I'm not characterizing it one way or the other, in a more timely manner than they would have without this appellate court system? Are you saying they will have a quicker appeal with this system than without it?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, they will have a...the system, in general,...are you talking about any one individual? Could any one individual have a longer period of appeal? In a worst case scenario, one individual could. The system, as a whole, will have quicker justice.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and I'm talking about as a whole because I won't hold you to individual cases. Are you saying also that the quality of justice will be improved?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, in a whole, I believe it will, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you say that because you feel better people are going to become judges and dispensers of justice?