

it would be wrong for us to say, and I think Senator Kristensen knows a little bit better than that, it's a good argument for him to say that, and I don't chastise him for saying it, but I think the other point of view needs to be out there. It's wrong to say that we need to do this bill because the people mandated that we do it now. No, the people didn't mandate that at all. The people said they thought it was good by referendum. They thought it was good that we set up an intermediate court of appeals. The people had no vote on this particular bill. The people...what they did is gave us the idea of what to do and it gave us the mandate to go and come up with something. There is no guar...there is nothing in there that says...Senator Kristensen was correct, there is nothing in the referendum, the vote of the people in the last election that says we need to do 732 and we need to do it now. And, yes, I understand the argument that the caseload is going to build. That's fine but we also have an argument of fiscal responsibility in the state and we also have to ask ourselves the question, are we going to let something like this, this major importance of major changes that even has constitutional changes in regards to what can or cannot be appealed to the Supreme Court, are we just going to let this real briefly just slide right through with very little discussion, in regards to really the guts of the bill and say just because we have to have it now? Or are we going to say, wait a minute, this is a bill of major change that we are going to be dealing with for the rest of our lives, for the most part, and the lives of our children in regards to how cases are appealed or not appealed to the Supreme Court? And if we have financial crisis, we then have to say is this something that we have to have right now? And if it's not, if it's something that we need, we have more time to make it a little bit better and we can come up and pass the bill with an A bill at a time when we can afford to do so. I would like to point out to Senator Kristensen that if you delayed it this year, if you said we're not going to do it this year, that, for all practical reasons, it could not be done next year, that's nonsense. That is not the case and I think the senator knows that. The Appropriations Committee, at any time, will have, in the second year, will have X amount of money that will be there from a forecast board. We may come up with a better forecast by that time. There could be more revenue come in in the state. We could have lots of things that are possible as we have in the last four years that I have been here, have bills that passed on A bills in the second year of the biennium. So the fact for the body to think that we have to vote now because otherwise the money may not be there the