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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no other lights on, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I do. We've spent a lot of time this morning listening to a wide variety of discussions about this bill, some of it, I think, harangue; some of it good record material; some of it legitimate policy. By and large, what the court has done it has been discussed in the public forum. It's been discussed for the last two years. This is the third year in a row on the floor that we've talked about what the needs are. And the trouble is that an individual's case only affects that individual. And Senator Chambers tells you, well, it's the lobby, it's the lawyers, it's the judges, it's everybody else. But do you know who those people are? They are everyday citizens that go before the court, that take their dispute, probably the biggest dispute of their life, it's their marriage, it's their family, it's their accident, it's their injuries, it's the injuries that put them in a wheelchair, it's the crime that put them in jail for a good term of years. Those are the people that are in the court and they're there for a purpose. It's because our system of dispute is resolved in that arena. Does it work 100 percent of the time and have 100 percent of the right answers? Of course not, because it's got individuals and people in it. But it's the individuals whose very lives depend upon that court. And you know what you're telling them? You're telling them that it's okay to wait two years and when we get around to it maybe in four or five years we'll get you another court. Well, this is what we said in 1975 and now you're waiting two years. Can you imagine waiting three years to decide if your divorce was correctly decided? Can you imagine to wait three years to see if you're going to get your money from an insurance company that you didn't have anything wrong, the other side was at fault but that they could just stall another three years? It's unconscionable. You know, a legal system shouldn't treat people like that. It fails to perform the job that the community and the state expects of it. And it's cruel to simply leave people and human beings out there waiting in doubt for years upon end for the practical affairs of their normal life. I mean, it's everyday life that appears in the court. It isn't the high theoretical questions every day. It's the basics of what we're talking about. And we can wait, sure we can wait but every day that you wait the system gets worse, and worse and worse and