

dramatically worse and it affects everything that we do. It affects the way your telephones are regulated. It affects the way that you operate your business. It affects the way that you terminate or hire employees. It affects the amount you pay for them. It affects the liability of your job. It affects the way the schools are funded. It affects everything. The court deals with absolutely every aspect of life. And so when you talk about this isn't important or that's just a bunch of seven or eight or nine people who want this, that's dead wrong. And the system does need to be fixed and the system is on the verge of collapse and we can stop denying people appeals, that's what's wrong. When you stop denying people the right to an appeal, the fact to have their rights redressed, then you will see the system...and then it's beyond repair, it is totally beyond repair. The system has an ability to be saved and the system has the ability to work. And there is nobody out there in the lobby who is making money lobbying on an issue like this because it's not a dollar and cents sort of issue. It's a matter of making one branch of government work and there's one branch of government that's in deep trouble and that's the Supreme Court because of this backlog and it's going to get worse and worse and worse. There's over 600 cases. They could stop today and work for a long, long time just dealing with the backlog and ignore everybody that's trying to get there for the next years. And that's every type of case. We can't let that happen. And I think there will certainly be discussions the Senator Schrock of the session about priorities of...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...spending money, we all know that. There's no...there's no balls being hidden. We're not out here trying to do that. But you can imagine we've only had to wait a little bit this morning. We've waited three hours this morning to get to another bill. Senator Peterson has got bills he would love to get to yet today and it's tough to sit here and wait and listen to that. But I tell you, can you imagine waiting three years? You can't do it. You can't do it. It's incumbent upon us to do those sorts of things and, no, it isn't one that may always be the pleasant thing because somebody can always point out what's wrong with the system in the world, the problem is we still have the obligation to make the system work. And, with that, Mr. Speaker, I would close and would ask the body to advance this to the next stage of debate. Thank you.