

there some time. So I ask you to adopt the amendment that they'll have the Court of Appeals in the district, and that the judge and his or her office shall be in that district. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Further discussion. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Real quickly, the other part that I find objectionable to this amendment is the one that he just referred to, and that is that the judges shall reside and maintain their office in the Supreme Court district in which they were appointed. I have an amendment, in fact the bill still will read that they have the option of staying there. You know that's not necessarily what happens today. We want to add more flexibility. We want to allow those judges to be able to stay in the district, if they desire to. We're not going to mandate they have to come to Lincoln. That's one of the things we wrote in the bill was some flexibility. The other part is that if we're going to have them residing in these districts, they are going to be doing some traveling. But it doesn't make any sense to mandate that they're going to have to travel to each judicial district, if there isn't the caseload there to do it. Now Senator Haberman talks to you about it, and he says, well gee, if there isn't any appeals, we shouldn't have an appeals court. Well, that's nonsense. There are...the appeals are so choking to the system that you won't have a system, if we don't address it in some manner. To put some sort of rhetoric in that they're going to make sure they come to each district, so you can go back home and say that, Senator, I think is wrong. I don't think you do the system any justice by doing that. And the bill does provide that they're going to travel. Now it's going to be when it makes sense to do so, when you have a number of cases. It doesn't make any sense...Probably the smartest thing would be to say let's have them sit in North Platte. That makes sense. North Platte is a logical community to have things like that. But does that satisfy the people in your Supreme Court district? No, because that's not your district. And so that travel, it's a whole lot closer to North Platte than it may be to McCook, or to Lincoln, but you're going to mandate that they can't do that, and that's just not something that makes any sense to do that. During the last 18 months we've had the appellate division of the district court. That's been a great practice for the Supreme Court to look at, and to how to run this system to do that. A couple of times they've tried to