

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, they won't...they won't...It depends on what you're doing, but their functions are not exactly the same, in fact...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...conceptually, are different.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay. Well the Supreme Court meets for five-day periods eleven times a year, five-day periods, eleven times a year. Now, Senator Kristensen, do you have any idea how many days a year five-day periods for eleven times a year? Do you have any idea how often the Court of Appeals is going to meet?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Haberman, the Court of Appeals will meet all year round. I think that you throw out those...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I didn't...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...things, and then you don't tell the whole story. You know, that's like saying that you only give one sermon once a week, you only work an hour a week because it's the only thing you do, if you're a minister. You know that's not true, the same way with the court. And I guess I would resent the fact that you're hinting that they only work a couple of days and they're gone. The Court of Appeals is going to work all year round. With the backlog that they've got, and the number of filings that they have, there is a considerable amount of time spent in research, in hearing arguments, reading briefs, trying to make decisions, and trying to reconcile the system that they have to do with it. So the answer to your question is, the Court of Appeals will work all year round, and I think they're going to have to work awfully hard particularly if there's going to be less numbers of judges.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, okay. Members of the body, for your information the Supreme Court does work all the year around, eleven times a year, five-day periods. Now we've been talking about the Supreme Court and the appellate court. At the present time, as of December 18, 1990, there were 68 criminal cases before the State Supreme Court. Sixty-eight cases before the Supreme Court. So possibly Senator Kristensen is right, the Court of Appeals will possibly overload it. So then the next question is, what's the Supreme Court going to be doing, if they