

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR ELMER: The exchange between you and Senator Beutler has brought to...has stirred my interest a little bit on this dreary afternoon.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure, great.

SENATOR ELMER: So what I would understand from this conversation is that if the appellate court felt that they had an opinion that they were issuing, had some sort of a precedential value, they would then issue this opinion memorandum. And then that opinion, or the memorandum of opinion, or whatever you called it, would then be forwarded to the Supreme Court for them to review to see if it should be printed.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, the way...you have the concept exactly right. All the memorandum opinions shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Then the Supreme Court will decide which ones of those they will publish and put out and put their stamp of precedential value to.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Kristensen, that's all.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Kristensen, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would. At the present time we have a lot of things to discuss on the Court of Appeals. This amendment has a lot of facets that need to be discussed yet, and I'm sure will be discussed. This is what I would say is a cleanup amendment. I don't believe this to be a controversial amendment at all. I don't think my second one is either. But I think it's one that deserves more discussion and people need to understand why we're doing what I am proposing to do with my second amendment. But this amendment does deal with gender changes, cleanups in the law which are necessary, and they do recognize the fact that we've spent about two months combing through 181 pages to find some corrections and some errors that naturally occur when you make this many changes. I feel comfortable that we got most of them. We've made some savings clauses, in case we've missed a few. With that, that would constitute my closing. Thank you.