

Appropriations Committee and the funding procedures will still be there to designate funding. It will still be a funding choice, Senator Lynch, that you're going to have. The key is there is a mechanism to place that in front of you, so we don't have a bill every year coming in for one more or not. It becomes the decision it ought to be and that's a funding measure. Senator Moore and I have discussed this. Senator Moore has an amendment to follow which I agree to. It makes it plainer, that says that the court of appeals "may" be appointed by the Governor instead of "shall". The purpose of putting in the "shall" is so that the Governor does that. It's still up to this body for funding and to do that. Why did I say two calendar years in a row? It's so we don't have a year when you have personal property tax filings that you may get 200 or 300 in one year and that would unfairly skew the system. So if it's...if it's continuous for two years at that numbers of filings, that means that there probably is a trend on the upward swing and it has to be two years in a row to do it. Then I max it out and say the most you can do under that is the three that I've taken away. Under my chart in filing it's probably going to be the year 2000 before that occurs. Now the purpose, at least for budgetary purposes for the next biennium, you're going to be assured that you're not going to have any additional appellate judges that will be funded with that. This amendment is solely done to save money. It's done in an effort to share in a burden, I think all of us have to share in, in cutting all projects back and down and taking their cuts. If the court of appeals was in effect, they probably wouldn't do this big a cut, but, quite frankly, since it is a voter project, something the voters of the state have approved, I think that they have...also would probably approve that it has to take some cuts. That's the purpose of my amendment. With that, I would be happy to answer any questions. And, Mr. Chair, I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Dougie. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend Senator Kristensen's amendment. (The Moore amendment appears on page 1481 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Far be it for me to say, Mr. President as well, Senator Conway. But, given that, presiding officer and members