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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Which line were you on?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The following line, beginning on 18-21. Well, you can take a look at it, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Let me look, yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But it would be, it's my understanding, and at least the way things are drafted right now that the provision with regard to retired judges will allow a new panel, probably allows a new panel right now, even without Senator Kristensen's amendment and I suspect in the end that this language on page 5 is really the language that Senator Kristensen wants to protect anyway and that he's probably not really all that serious about his amendment here. But in any event, his amendment once again with regard to the 150 filings, I think it is totally unnecessary just if you look at the figures. If you take the 1,270 cases, consider two panels of appeals court when you have six judges, and then consider that the Supreme Court doesn't divide into panels but just stays whole, then you have three courts hearing 1,270 cases; you divide that by three, you have four hundred and some cases apiece and it was back in 1971 when the court had a caseload like that. I think you're making a real easy street here for the judges and I want to make their lives such that they can write detailed and fine opinions on some subjects that need that kind of work, and sometimes in the past we've done poorly by them. I think the appeals court bill is a good bill, but I think Senator Kristensen is being real easy on them right now and I wouldn't mind that so much if it weren't the precedent setting change that is represented in his amendment because I'm sure that will come back around to us on the district court and on the county court and I can almost see Senator Wickersham licking his chops over there right now with a brand new idea for district courts. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you. Senator Chambers, you're next, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm not sure if it was Abraham Lincoln talking about a guy called Stephen A. Douglas or if it was somebody who was in the Senate at the time, Stephen A. Douglas was there. But Stephen A. Douglas was giving a talk and somebody in making