

think the Kristensen amendment that is the second half that is before us should be defeated.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. We'll now go to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it's clear that those of us who are speaking are speaking for the record and to the judges and their minions and satraps. This bill, in any form, is a shell game and if any of you all have ever been to a carnival or watched television, you know what that is. The sleight of hand artist takes a pea or some small object and places it under a shell. There are three shells. Each shell looks like a half a walnut, in case some of you are so naive you don't know what that is, and then he begins to move the shells very rapidly and you point to the shell you think the pea is under and you point to shell number one, it's not under there. So he moves them around again. You point to shell number two and it's not under there. You could point to each shell, each one could be overturned and you would never find the pea because he either palms it or he moves the shell in such a way as to let it fall off the table so whichever shell you point to, you're not going to find the object under that shell. LB 742 (sic) is changing its identity so rapidly that the people who voted for that amendment as a constitutional proposition would not recognize this as the creature for which they were told they were voting. If so much care and thought had gone into the preparation of that amendment because it was a result of years of study, if 742 (sic) was such a carefully crafted piece of legislation to implement it, why are we coming in with these kind of substantive amendments? Because none of the first propositions was true. What is being attempted is an effort to reduce the amount of work that judges do while, on the other hand, providing through bills usually brought by Senator Schmit more money, more money for less work. You should put your words close together when you speak. It reminded me of a joke about a judge. This old wicked, evil judge, now, Senator Kristensen, he was, in size, he didn't have the girth of you or Senator Lindsay, but he had a robe big enough to fit both of you. Inside that robe were many pockets which he filled with bribes, but this old judge was going to remand a criminal to the custody of the sheriff. And in doing so, he referred to this gentleman as a scoundrel and he asked him, did he have anything to say before he'd be remanded to the custody of the sheriff. And the man said, sir, I'm not as big a scoundrel as your honor,