

and institute an increase on a panel when we really don't know if what we're doing is going to be effective or not. Usually I'm impatient and want to get moving and want to pass things and let's get going that we don't have to slow down. This is one of those cases I think...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...we just need to slow down, wait and see how it turns out and if the need is there, to expand what the basis that we're going to begin to sit on the court of appeals. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Is there anyone else wishing to speak on this amendment? Seeing no one, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, you know, it's always interesting. Senator Bernard-Stevens, more or less, says that I'm trying to hoodwink you, I'm not being straight up with you and he talks about, gee, if you knew this was right in the beginning, why didn't you do the right thing in the beginning? Why, because he would have come in anyway and complained about the cost, and I understand that. And I'm not really chastising Dave at all because I understand why you do those things because you're in a difficult position. You sit in the Appropriations Committee and I think that's an awful hard job to do. I'm not sure I can do that. That will probably sink my chances of ever getting on that committee. Senator Chambers, it's his chance, those dirty, rotten, lazy, sleazy people that make all these terrible decisions, it's his chance to do that. Senator Hall, he's got a tough job. He sits over in Revenue. He's been placed in a real difficult position, one he doesn't like, I don't like it either, so it's our chance to talk about personal property tax and it's a tough case, tough issue. And so I understand a lot of those sorts of things and I think that's probably a pretty healthy discussion. Now the purpose that I'm doing this is I think nine is the proper number. I think nine is what will make it work and so does the National Center for State Courts, nine is the reason and the number we got from a lot of other states based on their numbers that are a whole lot less as burdensome than ours. We have a lot more numbers per judge. We've waited about 10 years too long to do an appellate court. It's a painful process. It's painful to put it in. Now, my amendment, taken in whole, is I'm going to take that