

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I have to make a small correction in Senator Kristensen's talk. We do not save approximately a million dollars. The total cost for the first year is \$1,440,000 for nine judges. So we're reducing that by three judges. So we're not going to save a million dollars. It's still going to cost us around 500 to \$600,000 a year. And I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen, would you respond?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Kristensen, do we have to pass this legislation this year?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, in my mind we do.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, but what did the constitutional amendment say?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The constitutional amendment just changed the Constitution to allow us to do this.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So, therefore, it's just your opinion that we have to pass it this year. The constitutional amendment did not say we had to pass it this year.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There's no...there's never a provision in the Constitution that mandates legislation has to be done by a certain date, no. That's not done with anything.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you very, very much. So we could get by and we'll bring this up later, we could get by by waiting a year, but I wanted to correct Senator Kristensen's figures. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Is there any further discussion on the first half of the Kristensen amendment? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, real quickly, Senator Haberman is not accurate. I had Mr. Lemon who works for the