

that I find the judicial branch not hesitating to come to us for assistance here and assistance there. But when it comes time for us ask for a little help back, some...some role for us to play in the process, some understanding of some concerns we have about the budget, trying to make better use of the budget, we don't seem to have very much of an open ear. And, as a result of that, I'm reluctant to support this legislation, despite the fact again the will of the people is loud and clear. Most likely I will end up voting for it. I think that's a pretty strong argument but the frustration level is pretty strong as well. And I would just hope that the judicial branch of this government starts to recognize that they're a co-equal member of state government, not a superior branch of state government, that they are part of state government, that they are there to serve the people as we are and to be accountable to the people and accountable to us. And it would be nice if perhaps there was more of a sense of us all being on the same team instead of us being and perhaps playing in different ball parks and not at all pulling in the same direction. With that, I guess I do have concerns about the legislation but I understand that a constitutional amendment has been adopted and we have a role to play to implement it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Judge Kristensen a question or two. Judge...Judge Kristensen, these panels, are they...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You didn't properly address the court but it's okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May it please the court,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, you're welcome.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I stand chastised and I feel appropriately chastened. Are these panels going to be involved with a specific geographic area which will be bound by the decisions they give?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, the selection of the members of the court will be by geography, Senator Chambers, from each of the Supreme Court districts. They will rotate the membership of the panels on a regular basis so that the judges spend approximately