

and she had to...and, therefore, she wasn't entitled to food stamps. The system of justice worked very quickly, under those cases, and she had to serve a little time in jail. She had to make restitution, she had to do community service, all the time while her exhusband owed her thousands and thousands of dollars in child support. Now I'd like to know why the system doesn't work equally well under all conditions. I have high respect for the vast majority of the judicial system. I have no respect for that part which does not follow the law. And I think that there ought to be something done about the fact that we can enact these statutes and virtually everyone ignores them. County attorneys are elected, by statute they are supposed to uphold the law, they ignore it. The clerks of the court are trying, I must say they're trying very diligently in most cases, to keep the records. But the facts are that, partly because of overburden,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and otherwise the system is not working. If we enact the appellate court process here, I'd like to know if it's going to help or not. I was in support of the bill, I voted for the amendment, I'd like to see it become law. But I'm not so sure that I want it to become law this year. I think that it is time Senator Kristensen and others who support this legislation can go back to the system and answer some of these questions, if the questions are not answered, what good does it do to set up another tier which is just that much more inaccessible to this Legislature. As Senator Chambers says, and Senator Wesely, we are supposed to be co-equal branches. We have come the illegitimate son at the family picnic as far as the court system is concerned. And if we don't don't resent it as a body, then I want you to know that I resent it personally.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, from the first time that the idea was floated of establishing an appellate court such as this, I have expressed my opposition. It has not been successful in preventing us from reaching the point that we have. I know that any amendments offered to undo some of the damage which I perceive being done by this bill would have no chance of acceptance. I had offered an amendment or two on General File and saw what the trend would be. I still am convinced that rights are being taken away from