

you've got 600 cases sitting on backlog, 600 cases that are going to take two years just before they even get a chance to be decided. You can't have meaningful rights, if you have to wait two years. And if we don't pass something like LB 732, that wait will become three years in a very short period of time. After a while, what people are going to advise clients to do, don't appeal, it isn't worth your time, you can't afford the wait, you can't afford the time spent and the process. And people are going to stop exercising their right. Senator Chambers says that we're taking away people's rights. You have several rights in this country, but one of them is to be heard at the trial level. And your second right is to have someone review that. We're not taking away the right to appeal. People will have a meaningful right, a very meaningful right for appeal through LB 732, and it won't take two years. And what's better is we won't have three years, and we won't have the system collapsing. The system of separation of powers is a valid one, it works on the federal level today, it works on our state level today. And, yes, you can take all the shots that you want to, because the system isn't perfect, the Legislature isn't perfect. We all get angry. I don't like the way that some people vote. Some people don't like the way I vote, that's what makes the system work, it's the competing interest, it's the balances and the checks, and that's what's occurring here. On a final note, I think that I have a lot more respect for the body. It's very difficult to sit here and listen to these sorts of things. Personally, we all have other bills that we'd like to look at. We all have our own priority bills. We all have other things that we want to get to, and it's very tough to sit here and listen to those things. I thank the body for their patience, and I appreciate the votes to move this bill onto Final Reading and to do it, knowing that the system of justice will be better, it's not going to be made perfect, but it's going to be made a lot better, and it's something that the voters of the State of Nebraska have embraced. The constitutional amendment, last November, had the highest number of people voting for this amendment and the lowest number of people voting against it. Not only is it the will of the body, but it's...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...the will of the people. With that, I thank the body again for their patience in this matter and would urge the adoption and the vote for LB 732. Thank you.