

against him. You have...you don't have an impartial person listening to that particular hearing, and then when the Supreme Court looks at the matter, they only look at the evidence that that particular hearing officer allowed into the record. And if you have control of what evidence is allowed into the record, obviously, you can dictate what the ultimate ruling will be. If Senator Morrissey or Senator...a citizen in Senator Dierks area has deep concerns about some problems, and that hearing officer refuses to allow that evidence into the record, and the court can't review that particular evidence, then that is my concern, and maybe it is a little bit unorthodox to have a trial de novo at the Supreme Court, but on the other hand, at least the committee amendments provide that they want to expedite the matter, go immediately up to the Supreme Court, so at least they will have an impartial hearing there. It may not be a perfect amendment but maybe it is something that needs to be adopted. Now I don't think that the supporters of this bill want an impartial hearing, and it is rather obvious in the manner that this amendment and the bill has been drawn up that that is what you are going to end up with. If the Supreme Court is the highest court in the land, maybe they should be the one that should hear this matter, even though it is somewhat unorthodox, it is still a manner that the supporters of this bill have kind of boxed in Senator Morrissey and other supporters of this concept into. So I am going to be supporting the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey, yours is the only other light on. Do you wish to use this as your closing or...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: No.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I would like to ask Senator Landis or Senator Kristensen, whoever is closest, are you familiar...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, would you respond, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Are you familiar, Senator Landis, with what we are discussing here?

SENATOR LANDIS: The concept of trial de novo, and trial de novo on the record.