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LB 181A

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, I move the advancement of LB 181A to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to advance LB 181A. All those in favor please vote...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the bill itself moved more quickly than I thought it would but I want to give a comment or two why I oppose the advancement of the bill and why I will oppose the advancement of the A bill. Despite the adoption of Senator Withem's amendment with which I agree, it has not changed the bill. It has not corrected a single problem in the judicial system that needs correcting. Everything that was bad about 181 is still bad about 181. Sometimes when we adopt an amendment and there is some type of consensus or accord that is reached between the factions that were in opposition, a feeling almost of euphoria comes over the body and everybody is going to live happily ever after. It would be nice if by the adoption of that amendment problems were solved. Not a single problem was solved, not a single problem was realistically addressed. It was the only thing we could get and it's a token get at that from the body today that would move us in the direction of addressing a serious problem in the judicial system of this state. I don't have the confidence that Senator Chizek and others have in the court system, which means the judges, the lawyers or the Bar Association. All of them taken collectively represent a special interest group and they are concerned about protecting and safeguarding their own interests. The interest of all of those people is to make as much money as they can with as small an expenditure of time and effort as possible. Judges don't want much work to do, lawyers don't want much work to do. The Bar Association is an involuntary organization to which you must belong in order to practice law, but the main reason for the Bar Association is not to ensure honesty among lawyers or competency, the purpose of the Bar Association in addition to being able to extort any amount from any lawyer who wants to practice that they decide is necessary in the form of dues so they can have parties, junkets and other things, the purpose of the Bar Association is to protect the inept, the incompetent and the stupid. That's what Bar Associations throughout history and around the country have been demonstrated to do. That's why so many poor unsuspecting