

Supreme Court. It is my understanding that something in the lines of giving that appeal then to the Court of Appeals which I believe the appropriate procedure to be, but just dumping the hearings into the Court of Appeals directly without the three judge panel is totally unacceptable as well. I just wanted to say that I appreciate your doing that because that could be a huge, huge fight on the floor of the Legislature on what to do with all those backlogs and it is something that we need to address and I think although there may not be as many people here at this time this afternoon, LB 360 is a big bill and addresses a huge problem we have in the system and I, too, am going to vote to vote it along today with the understanding and certainly with your assistance, Senator Coordsen, I appreciate that. I will support 360 at this point. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support the amendment. I feel that the committee amendments do make the bill better. This bill is a major step forward in changing how our worker's compensation laws are litigated and I feel that Senator Coordsen has done an outstanding job in trying to bring both of the different groups, business and labor, together in reaching a consensus to make the system a little bit better for the individuals that truly need the help that the Worker's Compensation Court provides, those being the victims of accidents that occur on the workplace. So I do support the committee amendment and I do urge the advancement of LB 360 on to Select File.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam...or, Mr. President, I'm sorry, and members of the body, I just...Senator Coordsen, I'd like to ask a question if I might. I don't recall seeing the fiscal note when it went out of committee. We probably did but I don't recall seeing it in. I'm a little bit surprised that it has that fiscal note attached. Let me ask you, if you succeed on Select in adopting the amendment that you're talking about, what will that do to the fiscal note?

SENATOR COORDSEN: We haven't calculated that. I don't know. But bear in mind most of the costs are all borne by the fees that are assessed throughout the process.