

They can understand trifling things. They can understand the fruit fly, but they cannot understand large and complex things. So if they think that they are going to have to pay a bit more in taxes, or if maybe they will be required to abate a nuisance, they can understand that and get very exercised and want to change the laws and the way the court operates to give them more protection in maintaining a nuisance. But when it comes to the state taking a life, which is the most awesome thing that the state can do, they want to cut off the right to appeal. They want to hasten people into the death chamber and they want Nebraska to join the states which will expeditiously take people's lives, so that Nebraskans will feel better without improving the society itself. What I am dealing with in this amendment is what even the court of this state, and by that I mean the Supreme Court, specifically, the Chief Justice, under the Nebraska Constitution in order to ensure the efficient operation of the courts,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is made a superadministrator. So even though I would say the court, in some instances, it might apply just to the Chief Justice; in other instances, it applies to more than just the Supreme Court, but the idea is that rules can be made by the Judiciary which can infringe on the rights of the public in a way that they should not. Even though they open their rules-making process to a period of time when the public can appear and offer input, that does not mean necessarily that the court will be responsive. An amendment like this would require more than a simple opening of the process and allowing people to come in and speak. The court would have to undertake an analysis. They would have to review this rule, evaluate its impact, and then make a determination as to whether it is appropriate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cudaback would wish to announce that there is a fourth grade class here from Sandoz School in Lexington, Nebraska, with their teachers. They are in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, I have a priority motion. Senator Jones would move to bracket his bill, asks unanimous consent to