

administrative independent body that hears appeals and, in fact, and that goes a little bit to our constitutional amendment. There are very few states that use that old system of doing those appraisals, because it has become so complex and technical, they needed the expertise so the vast amount of states do do some administrative like that. The small claims provision I have in here in the green copy that we're proposing to take out, obviously, is real intriguing to me. That is utilized by several states as well.

SENATOR FISHER: Thank you. Was there any particular reason for the selection of three members? Was it a cost effective number perhaps?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm partial to three for the following reasons, not that they're good reasons, but they're just the reasons that I took three. When I originally looked at doing this, I was interested in a tax court. We used three members of the court of appeals as a panel. That's the lowest number of people you can use so you don't have one person's judgment. In other words, it takes two out of the three and you could use five and use, you know, three out of five, but that seemed to be too many people and that, obviously, elevated the cost. I didn't want to put this on one person's judgment because I didn't like the idea of one person having the say and if I got the wrong person in there, it didn't work very well. So three was the lowest number I could get to and not have one person's judgment.

SENATOR FISHER: Well, thank you. I happen to, you know, work with the philosophy, if it's not broken, don't fix it but the more I'm around the political arena, sometimes I think if it's not broken, you need to break it, but anyway, I think I'm going to support the amendments and I think I'm going ahead and listen with intent the remaining portion of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. Back to Senator Kristensen again if I might.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.