

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, since before this change, there were six citizens and three judges, that would have been a two to one margin to the good of the citizens. Now there is a four to six ratio with the judges, so we have upset the balance, wouldn't you agree? Instead of a judge being equivalent to a one-half citizen, one judge is now equivalent to two-thirds of a citizen.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Certainly you have more judge representation on the commission than you would have otherwise (interruption)...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What would be wrong with putting another citizen on it?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, I don't know that I'd object to it. It's the first time it's been brought up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, my job is to look out for the common citizens, and you all's job, who belong to the Bar, is to look out for the judges and the lawyers, and I don't see anything wrong with that at all, because an additional judge was added. So what do you think about this amendment?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Do I...had this amendment been offered on Select File, I would have voted for it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I know we can't on Final Reading, that's why I want to move it to Select File, so that we can, and it could be done and the bill can come back today.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And the bill could come back and be read on the next, what, two days from now?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, let me ask the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, may I ask you a question on that?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You certainly may.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could this bill, if it were amended, could it go up, and then I would ask that it be expedited, could it go upstairs and get back down today?