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tenant? Or let me ask it this way.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: There aren't a lot of lawyers and, individually, many would not be able to, but that is why we have and many of us support legal aid societies and those kinds of opportunities to provide adequate legal representation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you don't know the answer to this question I'm not going to push it because I don't know the answer, but I have a sensing from what has happened in the past. Is it your belief that Legal Aid is adequately staffed to handle, in an expeditious manner and within the time constraints set by law, all of the landlord-tenant grievances that are brought to them?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Chambers, it's my belief that it is not and it needs more funding and more staff.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Members of the Legislature, these questions that I'm asking on these amendments are not trick questions, but they're designed to elicit answers from somebody who you know has not the same purpose for this bill that I do. There are some things that all of us would agree on with reference to this bill, but I don't agree with what the bill is doing. Now, my amendment does not deal with that word "kept", but I'm just calling your attention to the numerous things in the existing law that are not as they should be. But, because I have not undertaken to bring a comprehensive landlord-tenant law, I have not gone into the law with individual bills to take a little here and take a little there. I haven't had the time to adequately study this area of the law. I would need to do more than just read the words in the statute. There have been cases involving landlord-tenant relationships and those things would have to be understood. I have not gone into that part of the law so I would not drop a bill on the Legislature when I, myself, am not an expert in that area of the law. But I think with these issues that I'm raising even a layperson can see where there are injustices invited by the way the law is written, and I'll bet everybody on the floor knows that this particular existing provision in law was not put there by tenants or those who represent tenants. It was put there by landlords and their representatives. But here is what my