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our judiciary works very hard to fulfill their duty on behalf of pro se parties.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what the law says, I'm talking about case law and the ethical code of judges is that a judge can never become an advocate. And a judge may not argue the case of anybody. So if the judge became an advocate, the judge would be violating ethics and the law. So I will have you tell me how a judge could assist such a litigant ethically in district court, because I think my time is up on this. Have I spoken all my times on this, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You have one more.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I'll turn my light back on.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee will meet in Executive Session immediately in Room 2022; Education Committee, Room 2022 now.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, toward the end of my last presentation I was kind of sputtering because my time was running out and I was trying to figure what I could say that would give a complete statement. But let me tell you the way I view this. If presuming that what you say is correct, that the landlord would have to prove that this property is worth less rather than the tenant proving it was worth more, the tenant goes to small claims court. The landlord has it moved out of small claims court. The landlord has an experienced lawyer, the tenant goes there alone, if the tenant is not intimidated out of going into the court without a lawyer. Somehow that tenant winds up in the court defending himself or herself. If the tenant attempts to introduce evidence which is inadmissible under the rules of evidence, will the judge relax the rules of evidence and rule that it's admissible?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't believe so.