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SENATOR HILGERT: Right, the bill would go to 1,000, the committee amendments go to 500.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you have a proposed amendment on this division?

SENATOR HILGERT: I, personally, don't have any amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then I'm going to just continue with mine, to show that I can. But I was going to try to be, since I talked about these young pups, I was going to try to be accommodating and let them offer an amendment, which I would demolish and then show that the body is going to adopt anything they offer, no matter what, then it would be clear what it is we are all doing here today. But since he doesn't have an amendment, I'm going to go back to what I was talking about. Through the exchange between Senator Quandahl and myself, and he supports the bill in some form, I believe, because his name is on it as a sponsor. Here is what this body believes ought to be the law, that a landlord can say I think this property is worth less than a certain amount. And if it's actually worth that...if it's actually worth more than that amount, sue me, but you're not going to get anything back. All of this is mine. So the tenant goes to a lawyer. The lawyer may be one of those who does not even like to argue landlord-tenant cases anyway, so that lawyer says I can't take the case. Then you might reach a lawyer who is willing to take the case, but that lawyer is going to say a certain amount of time is going to have to be taken, so you got to pay me up front and this is what I'm going to charge you. And the tenant, like the rich young man, Senator Byars, who came to Jesus asking what he had to do to be saved, and Jesus said sell everything you got and follow me, and he walked away with his head down, shaking it and he was very sad for he had great possessions and he did not sell them. So the tenant, upon being told by the lawyer that he or she must pay that lawyer a certain amount, will go away very sad because the tenant does not have that amount of money. The tenant's only opportunity is to go to small claims court. And since Senator Quandahl is still here, I'm going to ask him a question on that. Senator Quandahl, is there a filing fee for small claims court?