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because there's no interest in raising it to a level desired by the collection industry. They've done this all over the country, and by "this" I mean converted the small claims court into an arm of a collection agency. But rather than delay this bill unnecessarily, I'm going to let the body decide what they'll do with Senator Cunningham's amendment. If the body adopts it, then it's going to be one of those bills where a gazelle bill now has an elephant on its back, and I, for the sake of the analogy, will be one who has to bag the elephant, not kill the elephant, but to make sure that the gazelle nor the elephant will go anywhere. So the body may do as it please, but I do have my yellow pad, my pen, and I did not have to expend much energy this morning, so far, but I'm ready to go to the mat on this one. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Cunningham, followed by Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I would just say that in the scenario that Senator Chambers gave you, that is probably accurate, but I don't believe that very many of the cases are actually appealed. And the bar association is behind this, because it's very difficult for people with this small of an amount to be able to afford a lawyer. Many of those people absolutely can't afford a lawyer, and it is a way for them to settle some of those disputes, and they can handle it on their own in a court, in a fair court, without an attorney. So, also with the interest of moving this bill on, I don't know what the body thinks of this amendment or this bill. I would appreciate your consideration in this. I think it is a very, very good bill. I would tell you again, if you'll look at your chart, even raising it to the \$4,000 jurisdictional limit, with that raise it still only ranks Nebraska between 31st and 33rd in the country. And with that, I will return my time, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I just wanted to give a little background about the issue. We have a