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Judiciary Committee. It provides that retention of judges of the Supreme Court as well as the Court of Appeals would be held among all state voters, and that's what the amendment does. The public policy behind this is that the issues that are affecting the Court of Appeals as well as those of the Supreme Court are statewide in nature and, as a result, the retention should be based on a statewide basis. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator, your light is on. Do you wish to continue speaking. Is there any further discussion on the...Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I would rise to support this amendment. I did sign on with it. It was a matter of this obviously is a bill dealing with the residency of judges as well as their retention. Those are important issues that are rendered on a statewide basis, and the chief judge currently is done on a statewide basis. This would make the rest of the court and the Court of Appeals put on the same level, and I would support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Abboud to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the Abboud amendment to LR 303CA. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Abboud's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Abboud amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Madam President, I move LR 303CA to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the