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discussion kind of broke down and I don't remember for sure exactly what kind of answers were given. Nevertheless, I think there was a particular philosophy adopted when the small claims court was created. There were representations made to the Legislature about it being a peoples' court, and by peoples' court, they did not mean loan companies, feed dealers, any of the people, used car salesmen, repair people and so forth, but citizen to citizen, and as most of you are aware, if a person goes into small claims court and drags you kicking and screaming into court with him or her, then you can ask that it go to district court and then lawyers and the full circus of a trial will occur. If you raise the amount, there might be more people who would feel that they need to go to district court, and some people say that is not even worthy of consideration because that is the way it is now. I don't understand arguments like that because they don't hit the point. The point is that the small claims court is to serve a particular purpose and that purpose is to resolve differences among citizens, and by citizens, my understanding was not the loan companies, the salesmen who make bad deals, the bankers who might make bad loans and all of the entrepreneurs who have the other courts to use for their purposes. Now perhaps it is not good that a debtor of any shade should be allowed to be taken to a district court and hounded by a creditor plus his or her lawyer, but nevertheless, the system is what it is and the small claims court was not to be a collection court and it does serve that role admirably because, Senator Beutler and Senator Johnson, if a loan shark comes to you, a loan company comes to you, you don't know whether they have been to court the allotted number of times. All you know is that they are telling you, I don't need a lawyer. I can drag you to court tomorrow and that is what I intend to do. And we all know that loan companies use scare tactics. This is why they want to be able to encumber household goods so that they can threaten a person with taking his or her goods to make them pay off.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, when we allow the court system to be utilized in this unconscionable fashion, I think we are corrupting the entire purpose of it, and rather than have it pursue this path, I would do all that I could to gather support to abolish the small claims court. It is not being that any more. It is not serving a proper function and I would like to have Senator Johnson or Beutler or both explain who wanted an increase in the jurisdictional amount, an increase beyond what the judges who sit on the court feel is