

Legislature, what we must learn to do in this body, is what a fighter in the ring must do. He may come out in the first round and be bloodied, knocked down and on the verge of a knockout, but the second round, it's as though the fight is starting all over again, so you must forget what happened in the past and deal with what's before us now, and the amendment that I have on the desk right now is to return this bill to Select File to offer a specific amendment. The amount of the bill now is one thousand dollars. It...that's an increase over the present amount of five hundred dollars, or a one hundred percent increase. There is no court in the system which...whose jurisdiction you would expand by a hundred percent, for the reason you have accepted for expanding this court's jurisdictional amount. So what this amendment would offer is that we split that amount and raise the jurisdictional amount by fifty percent. That seems to me reasonable. Seven hundred and fifty dollars would then be the jurisdictional amount. I think that you ought to consider this amendment without attaching to that consideration the discussion we had just before it. If you can think of the amendment by itself, you will see that it is reasonable, and if a basis can be shown next year for upping the amount of the Small Claims Court, perhaps what we ought to do is undertake a study as to whether the Small Claims Court should exist at all. But my motion now is to return that bill to Select File, to reduce the amount to seven hundred and fifty dollars. That would be the last amendment I would offer on the bill, and I would not attempt to delay it. These motions are not designed merely to delay the bill, they are designed to address an issue which I feel is legitimate. That is the motion and I hope you will favorably consider it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak on...on Senator Chambers' motion to return the bill?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of you. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when a bill's on Final Reading and someone pulls it back to amend it, does not that amendment have to lay over one day...according to parliamentary procedure?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No. Well...no.

SENATOR KEYES: No, well that's a different answer than I have been getting. Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow members, from listening to the testimony, I would like to support Senator