

charged then I, in a sense, am opening up the door frankly to professional services being conducted by nonlawyers and that was not my intention with this measure. My intention simply was to make certain that a claimant could bring before the appeal tribunal anybody the claimant wanted to bring in, who he thought could be helpful to his case.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Another question, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: If this is not to the satisfaction of the claimant, what recourse do they have?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: If which is not to the satisfaction?

SENATOR PIRSCH: If the decision, the appeal.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: They could then go into the court system and when they go into the court system under existing court... well they will have to be represented by a lawyer. They either represent themselves or by a lawyer.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And of course then it would make no difference whether they were represented in this proceedings by a lawyer or not.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Right, that is correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I just want to say that in four years of serving as an appeal tribunal hearing officer I have never had the case that a counsel was appointed by the commissioner that I knew of and the payment was made. It is a rare circumstance that I have no personal knowledge of in over four years of experience.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, my remarks are very short. I think the amendment has been understood. Senator Landis and I have indicated that all we are trying to do is make certain that what the law presently looks like is what the law really is and the law says that anybody who appears before an appeals tribunal can be represented by counsel or a duly authorized agent and I would have construed duly authorized to have meant that you could bring in your friend if you want to because you have authorized him to act on your behalf. But through some tortured construction of existing statute by