

the CIR. We just simply finally had somebody take it to the Supreme Court and have it tested. It seems to me that we ought to, if we want to talk about a level playing field, we ought to talk about a total level playing field and consider the property taxpayer as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Senator Lynch, then Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, could I ask a question of Senator Hannibal, when he gets through?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal, will you respond please.

SENATOR LYNCH: The Court of Industrial Relations Commission, decision by the Supreme Court, when was that made? Can you help me?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I think it was, the issuance was about two years ago.

SENATOR LYNCH: Two years ago. Did it say that the right of the employee to go to the Court of Industrial Relations was in fact legitimate, and the fact, as I understand it, the employees did have the right to go there, but did it say that they had the right to go there in 1987 and '88, or '86, or '87?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I believe the ruling was that they would have the right to go to the CIR for economic issues.

SENATOR LYNCH: At any time?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Based on that ruling from that point forward, yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: So what I...thank you, Jerry...Gary. I'd like to ask a question of any of the attorneys in the...in the body.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Lynch, again. (Gavel.) Please hold your conversation down so that we can hear the speakers. Senator Lynch, thank you.

SENATOR LYNCH: Can this body, I would ask this question of any of the eminent lawyers, knowledgeable lawyers that we