

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how many would it take to constitute a majority?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, it should be four.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do you say it should be? (Laughter.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I ain't had any big city learning but ciphering out in my simple way four would be the majority of seven.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it usually takes a majority to constitute a majority. Thank you, Senator Coordsen. His logic is inescapable. I don't...having not seen Senator Beutler's amendment and having concern about the individuals who sit on the court, I'm not sure how I will react to that. But since the concept is before us that more than just the presiding judge who, in this case, is...doc, well, we may as well add doctor to the thing, "Dr. Novacaine", we've got to find some way to neutralize the numbing effect of his activities. I am one of those that Senator Abboud referred to in a very veiled manner who does not feel comfortable with this individual and his activities. I think he favors business. I think he favors the insurance industry. His record, I believe, will demonstrate that. His performance before the Labor Committee on LB 757 demonstrates that. Water cannot rise above its level. If a fountain is poisoned at its source, everything that flows from that water...that fountain is poisoned also. We are considering, with this bill, a drastic and radical and extensive change in the system of compensating workers who are injured on the job. We have to proceed with caution when we deal with an issue as serious as this. Not only is this individual going to come from a list put together by "Dr. Novacaine" but whatever findings this person makes will be...there will be a rebuttable presumption...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that those medical findings are correct. That means once this person has exercised his or her judgment, reviewed records, reviewed other information, perhaps examined the employee, then whatever that person states is presumed to be correct. The presumption takes the form of a rebuttable presumption. I think that is giving too much clout when you