

constitutional, bills relative to legislation, bill drafting and preparation of amendments, and also to do this with the committees, but they have crossed that out. And now they are saying only on the end. Only when all of this is created, then they are going to come with a legal opinion and provide legal representation to any member of the Legislature or staff member when such person is sued or named as a party in litigation in his or her official capacity. So they will become our counsel after the fact, after we have prepared legislation and after there is questions about it, then they will come in with their opinion and then they will protect us in the suit. Well, quite frankly, I think that's the wrong end to put any kind of a legal counsel. I guess what this bill does is create the law firm of Nebraska, Nebraska and Nebraska Legislature law firm. And I can't understand why lawyers in this body cannot provide us in their debate with these kinds of services. We have some very intelligent, smart, trained in the law people in this body...and don't get carried away Senator Schmit said, but it's true, I do, and while there are differing opinions, there is going to be differing opinions from this counsel that represents the Legislature. We have differing opinions in here of the attorneys and that is good. The final court is always going to be the judge and the master, but why do we want to eliminate having someone help us up front and just keep them for the suing end? I think that is a mistake and I shall oppose the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments again?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, oh what's his name over there, oh, yeah, see if I recognize...oh, Senator Chambers, yes, okay. Well, okay, oh what's his name, you know it seems to me if we adopt this amendment and pass this legislation, every bill that the Attorney General says is unconstitutional, we're going to get our attorney, we're going to say, go get him, tiger, chew him up. We're going to go to court. Well now, stop and think. There isn't any issue that an attorney can't find something wrong with it, so we're constantly going to be in court. The Attorney General at the present time supposedly represents the Legislature. He gives his opinion. He is elected. He is an attorney. He has 40 people on his staff that are attorneys. Every member, every committee as far as I know has an attorney on staff. If I'm wrong, correct me, but I think the Judiciary