SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, Senator Landis, if you want to respond too.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would agree that the...I think the clear meaning of the statute already covers this situation. However, if you take the term "duly authorized" a tortured statutory interpretation can wrench that around that only a lawyer can be duly authorized and that is the basis I think of the statutory interpretation. I think that is a mistaken interpretation and Vard simply asks us to use absolutely nonmisunderstandable language. I mean there is no way not to read Vard's language, not to allow an individual to come in who doesn't happen to be an attorney but who is a friend or a trusted adviser or a business representative.

SENATOR VICKERS: In other words, what we are saying here is that we damn well mean what we said here before. Is that what you are trying to put into statute?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well taken.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Clark. I have a question of Senator Johnson, please. Would he respond?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Johnson, it says that anyone in these proceedings may be represented by counsel and formerly it was "or other duly authorized agent" and now it is "any duly authorized agent or person of his or her choice and such counsel may either charge or receive for such services a reasonable fee to be approved by the commissioner." In this case then, would the friend that you take in receive a fee and how do they fix those fees and does it depend on whether you are an attorney or whether you are just a friend?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well the way I drafted the amendment, Senator Pirsch, is that the fee award is only available to somebody who is a lawyer because that only applies to the word, "counsel" and counsel I think is a particular term meaning somebody who is authorized to practice law. And the reason I did that is because if you have a friend who is going to help you out with this thing the fee issue is not going to be a big issue but if I allow a fee to be