

I appreciate that. The amendment, the only place that legal counsel that I worked with that had any concern at all, in terms of the Attorney General being clear, we took care of via that previous amendment. Senator Lamb also mentioned, in his comments a moment ago, that the Legislature was turning over its rights to this commission. What we're really doing is having this commission help us. In terms of giving over our rights, we maintain all of our rights. The election laws will still be in statute, it will be simply some of the implementation. And when we have implementation questions they don't come running to us, they simply come to us after there has been a problem and ask for another statutory change. So what we're giving up is actually a means by which some group, this commission and a hired commissioner, can interact with these statutes and help out these various county clerks and election commissioners, for the purpose of trying to carry out the statutes as we've designed them originally. I have no qualms, whatsoever, that I'm giving up anything as a legislator and a policymaker relative to election law. It's simply the way that some of these things are then carried out and implemented will be there. We'll also get a lot of help. I noticed a letter that Senator Lamb passed out, that the county clerk from out in Thomas County, I guess it is, made some reference to the fact that we would be adding another layer, and we certainly don't need another board, talked about the workshops being good, and the complexity of the election is a poor substitute, and time we can't afford, and so forth. And as I read this letter I kept thinking to myself what's... I think there is some confusion out there among the county clerks in terms of what it is that this particular election commission is going to do. It's not intended to be an overhaul of the election laws, it's more a means by which we're going to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...try to implement some of the laws that are there. They also talk about this commission being some people that don't know what's going on, and we don't need to wade through another group of bureaucracy of that nature. Well, that's why we designed the election commission, to include three working election clerks, or election commissioners, if you will, that are actually going to be a part of that commission. We're talking about people who have had hands on experience, working elections, they're going to be in that buffer zone, they're going to be able to bring the various 93 counties' election