

gun shy on the bill. And so I will go ahead and talk about the bill in that regard as well. Senator Hefner alluded to the fact that it probably isn't needed because the system is working. I suspect that Senator Byars, Mr. Korslund, Mr. Hoppner, and I can go on and on and on and on, might have somewhat of an argument as to whether the system is working currently under the...under the procedure. So it doesn't surprise me that Senator Pirsch gets a letter from a county attorney because what this bill basically does is establish no longer do we have 93 different opinions that can be offered and it takes away some of the autonomy of the county attorneys. One of the biggest problems we have right now is that the Secretary of State, who is our lead person with respect to election law, testified in front of the committee and this, again, is Senator Withem's bill. I've named it as my priority bill. I think it's a quality work product of the Government Committee coming together after hearing many, many bills coming in trying to effect some of the changes that are necessary in our election laws and in the procedures and in the governance, if you will, of elections, that it's a final work product of saying here's what we think really needs to be done in terms of being able to get a handle on this situation. As a committee, we pretty well put some of the specific election laws on ice. We're waiting for the idea of a commission. There was a suggestion in one of the bills that we have an election guru and by having an election person who establishes a czar or a guru to pass judgment, well, we knew that because of the partisanism that comes into elections and decisions and judgments that should be passed down that we need a commission, we need a balanced group. Where do we turn to? Probably one of the most respected balanced groups from a partisanism perspective in this state, whether you like rulings or not, but have never been, in my understanding and I've not heard of any as charge of partisanism is the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. We are structured literally identically, this commission, with accountability and disclosure. If, in fact, there is a question of constitutionality, I think we need to look at accountability and disclosure because we have that same kind of restriction on the Governor that a list will be passed down from the chairman of the Republican as well as the Democratic Parties for the Governor to choose from. We also use a similar position...similar provision when we're talking about the judicial nominating commission, same thing. So if this technique is unconstitutional, we're going to bring down a lot of commissions with us as well. So that is somewhat of a moot point. There is also some suggestion that the canvassing needs