

And so it would be under the control of the Executive Board. It also requires that, or does not require that a listing of opinions be on file and the like, but simply a request on the part of the Executive Board to hire a counsel to provide legal work for the Legislature on call as those types of things should come forth. So basically it eliminates all of those delineations that are in the bill and simply comes down under the Executive Board control. They have the authority to hire outside counsel to support the Legislature.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. I'll now recognize those senators wishing to address the committee amendments. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. I think Senator Conway accurately described the committee amendments. The committee amendments are pretty important. The committee amendments change this bill quite a bit and what they do is they take away from the original bill. There is not much additional things. If you happen to have a green copy of the bill, it takes out the advisory capacities. As most of you probably know there has been an Attorney General's Opinion that I want to talk about at length, but I think that's more appropriate to talk about once we have adopted the committee amendments. If you are uncomfortable with the bill, the committee amendments I think would be more acceptable to you. It still maintains what I believe to be the basic need of this piece of legislation is institutionally the Legislature needs its own counsel. It does not have to be an individual. It can be a firm that has held on retainer which means if you are concerned about staff and the size of those things, just about every bill that we pass in here that requires any sort of staff, has that potential of exploding and adding more and more and more and more and more people, that's not necessarily so. I mean as with every piece of legislation, we're going to have control over how many people are there because this is going to be our employ. And there is a wide number of reasons to have this, but I think before we get started on the bill itself it's important that the committee amendments do make some major changes here and ones that, at least to begin with, keep the integrity of this bill and that's to have someone represent (1) the interest of the Legislature if we're involved in litigation. What are some of those things? Well I think Senator Schmit had a bill that passed just the other day or advanced on and its major premise was it is probably