

entitled to maintain between me and the lawyer absolute and strict confidentiality as far as anything that would be released. If I choose to release it as the client, I can do whatever I want to. It puts a restriction on the lawyer in the same way that a doctor-patient relationship puts a restriction on the doctor. The patient can release any information he or she chooses. The client in this case could do the same. Just as we have adopted rules to deal with other aspects of internal legislative operation, we can...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...fine-tune any legislation that we enact relative to the Legislature through our rules. The more you put in statute, the more difficult it is to modify it. If it is not in statute, we can regulate it through our rules. If it is in statute, the only way we change it is by amending the statute by placing authority of a discretionary nature in the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. When we're not in session, should something arise, the Legislature through its Executive Board, has the flexibility to deal with that situation. The feel should not be left to the Attorney General and the Governor. With all that we'll be discussing on taxes this session, if what I've read in the papers is true, there are going to come differences of opinion based strictly on political questions.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR FIRSCH: Thank you, Madam Chair. I did want to, first of all, clear up the record. I have had no discussion with the Attorney General. As a matter of fact I wasn't prepared with the amendments when I was first called on and really not with this bill until we concentrated the focus on it this morning. But there is one misconception that I heard around my area that the committee amendments changed having, hiring a counsel and staff within the Legislature to hiring a firm, putting a firm on retainer and I think that Senator Kristensen spoke to that. Well, those words aren't changed, folks. Section 1 remains the same. There is hereby created the position of Counsel to the Legislature. What the committee amendments took out, I again repeat, was the first and second part of the Section 2 which would have...this Counsel to the Legislature would have been able to meet with individuals, help them prepare bills that are