

Committee has three attorneys on staff. This body is loaded with attorneys. In the Clerk's Office we have attorneys. Every office we have attorneys. Now with all of that knowledge, all of that training, surely we can develop a corps of attorneys to represent the Legislature on legislation without starting a whole new ball game. It has been mentioned that the Attorney General says it is unconstitutional and we think it is, that we go to court. Well, I don't think that is right because every bill we're going to go to court. And it says we should...need legal counsel that we can trust. Is somebody saying that you can't trust legal counsels? Somebody made that remark. We need this so we can have legal counsel we can trust. That is a terrible thing to say. I trust them. I think they are wrong sometime, but I still trust them. Every issue we have is questionable. Who is going to be this outside counsel? Are they going to be Democrats or Republicans or Independents, a big firm or a little firm? Or possibly we could start our own firm within the Legislature. We could find some room for them, some desks, secretaries, file cabinets, law books, the beck and the call of the Exec. Board, who we sue and who we don't sue. Well, I'm on the Exec. Board. I'm a human being and I assume that the rest of the members of the Exec. Board are human beings. Here comes an issue. That old what's his name over there wants to sue. Well if old what's his name over there wants to sue, maybe I don't, so we're going to have a battle on the Executive Board. Well...oh, it's Senator Chambers, that's right, I'm sorry. I finally figured out who you were. Let's wait, let's chew on this. This session we've got a lot of things facing us. Have an interim study on the issue and look at it, examine it and come back next year and with a lot of questions answered, I can possibly support it. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Madam President, members of the body, before we get too far astray here, Senator Haberman, let's set a few things straight in what actually happens here. The legal counsel is not designed to go out and make every issue contentious. If you look at this, what really happens is those few issues where the Attorney General does say one of our laws are unconstitutional that we've passed, that law has a presumption that it is constitutional. The Attorney General has the prerogative or the discretion to challenge one of these cases much like the, let's take the Kearney State issue. The