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with that kind of counsel, would remove from the bill. So as we look at those kinds of activities, that wouldn't be it. It is more on retainer for the call of the Legislature as a whole. So with that, I strongly support the committee amendment and would relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Kristensen.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. Senator Conway, thank you for yielding your time. There are three things that I want to close with on the committee amendments because we've discussed a lot of substantive things about the bill and so many of you were probably making up your minds, not only in the committee amendments, but on the other aspects of the bill. There has been some alluding this morning that this was introduced towards an individual Attorney General. I introduced this bill in 1990, two years ago when we had Attorney General Robert Spire, having no idea that there would be another Attorney General ever coming down the line. In terms of this being a personal attack, this is not. It was introduced two years ago when the current administration of Attorney General wasn't even probably in the minds of many Nebraskans. We're going to spend money on legal counsel whether we do it with our own counsel or with outside counsel. Those possibilities exist anyway. In terms of creating new monies, it's going to depend on what this body does, what positions and political fortunes occur. This isn't like we're just creating a whole new entity. We're creating the position, but in terms of funding it someone still has got to represent the interest of the Legislature. We just gain control over that through this mechanism. My final point is, there are 24 other states that do have legal counsels to the Legislature that represents them in a variety of ways but most of them are those sorts of counsels who represent individuals who are sued in their individual capacities and who represent the institution of their legislatures. With that I would ask for your adoption of the amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We will now vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments to LB 228. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 17 nays on adoption of committee amendments,