

article as this one, that's not used either. I think we ought to take a look at what we're doing rather than creating another bureaucracy that's...another commission that's simply going to spend money without ever accomplishing what it's intended to accomplish. Senator Witek's laughing because she thinks I'm turning into a "Repelican", I think, is the term that Senator Chambers uses. But I think we do have to be careful of doing that. I suggest you look at the existing statutes and see if those do or don't cover...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...the situations we're talking about.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Before the next speaker, I would like to call the Legislature's attention to the north balcony where we have 30 fourth graders from Homer School at Homer, Nebraska, with their teacher. And they are guests of Senator Engel. Would you all like to stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, as agreed to by Senator Beutler, we can use his amendment for the purpose of discussing other aspects of the bill and I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question, if he's not too busy working on something else.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And it will be a brief question and answer. On page 8, lines 26 and 27, speaking of some of the duties of the commission, this is the language I'm looking at, "perform other duties related to the administration of indigent defense systems." I meant that would be what the director or the chief counsel would do...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as directed by the commission. Now, related to the administration of indigent defense systems, seems to be saying that the chief counsel would have something to do in determining how these systems actually operate.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: To the extent that he could, or she could,