

signs, racist T-shirts, the racist screaming which was shown all over the country, that made them happy. Now does this kind of spectacle improve society? Does it ennoble us? Does it take away the likelihood that violence will be done? Or does it come closer to encouraging that type of attitude which can result in one person committing violence against another? There is nothing redeeming about the death penalty. This bill gives us the opportunity to do two good things, to make it possible, although not in a perfect way, to provide effective counsel for all who need it who are accused of crimes, and also to eradicate that remnant of barbarism which curses this state, and I'm talking about the death penalty.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I rise, I guess, to quit fanning the flames and set the record straight. The...Senator Kristensen, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR LINDSAY: If he's around, maybe not. Well, I'll just suggest then that I'm drafting an amendment now, since the commission does only what Senator Kristensen has suggested that it does, to strike all of the extra powers that are granted to this commission on page 6, which includes develop standards and guidelines applicable to each type of indigent defense system with which each county should comply in order to be eligible for state funds, etcetera. Over on page 8, also the duties of the chief counsel, which include establishing procedures for evaluating compliance by the various counties with the standards and guidelines established by the commission for operation of indigent defense systems, along with the various other duties which include lobbying, which include setting up commissions to study different systems. That's an awful lot of powers that the chief counsel has, which, by the way, a chief counsel, if you'll look back on the prior section, can only be fired for cause after hearing and looks as though it may actually have more power than the commission itself. I suggest to you that this commission does a heck of a lot more than is being represented. This commission can impose those types of standards. We're just choosing not to fund it this year, but once that's there and then when we start doing it through the appropriations process, including the funding, then the entire ball of wax is already there to start working on and your counties are going to be