

we're working on others, so we're still looking at the green copy of the bill as a foundation that we're working from. And you ought to take a look at it, and you ought to take a look at in particular Sections 9 and Sections 11...excuse me, Section 12 of the bill. One deals with the duties and powers of the commission, the other with the duties of the chief counsel. And they're mandatory, they're mandatory, it says they shall, the commission shall, and the chief counsel shall. It says, the commission shall appoint and abolish such advisory committees as may be necessary for the performance of its function and delegate appropriate powers and duties to them. They can appoint, as I read this, county attorneys or public defenders who are in counties that may or may not participate. What...how far does that power extend? To what ability do they have to dictate who serves on those type of committees? It also says that they can plan improvements, and they shall plan improvements in the indigent defense systems and promote their implementation. So in other words, whether you choose to, as Senator Kristensen says, you know, impact poor Tom Riley's domain, I'm not at all worried about poor Tom Riley being able to take care of himself, all five foot five of him. Pound for pound I don't think I'd even take him on. But the issue here is what is this commission going to be able to do after it becomes law? I think then it really does become poor Tom Riley who has to listen and say, yeah, we're going to plan the improvements of the indigent defense systems and promote their implementation. So what you do is you get the other 89 counties, and there's four other counties who are on the outside because they've got their own systems in place, and then they become, because of the pressure placed on them, because of the enactment of this kind of legislation,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...are, in essence, drug, or forced, or we pass additional provisions in this statute that say, no, it's mandatory, now you are going to come along, you are going to do this the way that the commission, through its chief counsel, has decided things are going to be done. And poor Tom Riley is not able to stand out there any longer and run his own shop as efficiently and effectively as they've been able to along the line. I think this issue needs to be looked at. Granted, the Beutler amendment is the first step toward that end, but there are a whole myriad of other issues that relate to Sections 9 and Sections 12 in this bill that enumerate the powers within...that