

SENATOR LINDSAY: So you don't have any problem putting limitations on that as far as maybe appearing at the request of the Legislature?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, but I...well, yeah, I do because they ought to be able to come to the Legislature, but I don't want them acting like somebody...I don't want the Governor to have control over them saying you can't appear either.

SENATOR LINDSAY: That's...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I mean, that's the danger that you've got.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, again, you've got, up in line 6, the chief counsel shall, it's mandatory that that chief counsel appear before and provide assistance to the Legislature and other relevant bodies.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Before continuing, I'd like to announce that Senator Bromm has, as his guest today, under the north balcony, Tonya, Mark, Chaz, Zane Winger of Colby, Kansas. Tonya is the sister of Senator Bromm's legislative aide, Perre Neilan. Would you please stand and be welcomed by our Legislature. Thank you. Senator Beutler, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to briefly support the amendment. We all...as we all know by now, there are lots of different ideas in here about how things should be. Certainly this amendment has compromised, and I guess I use that word in a good sense, to some extent, in that compromise is what's necessary to get things started in this body, of course, many times, most times. And he's cut out all of the mandatory rules and regulations in the prior bill that would have applied to every public defense system in the state. And at least, in my opinion, I think there needs to be a real tough look at standards and minimum standards and the variety in terms of the ways we...way we do things in this state, because oftentimes it ends up in appeals and more expense in the end because we didn't do things right in the first place. It's a pure economic factor. So although I'm...although this amendment doesn't address the financial side, Senator Kristensen has indicated he would address that on Select File, it does compromise...it does mitigate the scope of power that's granted in the bill pursuant to objections that were raised in the prior