

responsibility on the part of the counties and I think that we all recognize that the counties really do need to get more organized and do more coordinating with respect to their public defender activities, their indigent services activities. And if a system could be devised or if a compromise could be devised whereby the services of this state commission were made available either now or at some short time in the future, only to counties that had organized judicial districtwide into public defender systems, I think that there could be an enormous improvement in the system evolving from the antagonism and the disagreements represented by the principles of Senator Lindsay and Senator Kristensen. So I'm hoping that Senator Kristensen will take a close look at this amendment. I think it goes a little too far, personally, in striking some of the duties of the commission and some of the duties of the executive director or the chief counsel of the commission, but I hope that those who are interested in the bill will take a close look at the design involving the provision of supplemental state services to only to units that have organized in an efficient manner. And some of the things I was suggesting earlier were somewhat impractical perhaps, but this, I think, represents a practical solution both to some of the quality services issues and also to some of the financial equity issues involved in the controversy. So I hope, if not now, at least before Select File some very serious attention will be given to this suggestion. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would like to recognize, under the south balcony, we have a guest of Senator Ray Janssen, Elaine and Duane Brand from Fremont, who are the sister-in-law and the brother-in-law of Senator Janssen. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Lindsay's amendment. As I read the amendment, even though I understand Senator Kristensen objects because somehow he feels that it defeats the intent of the bill, I think it does exactly what I heard the intent of the bill was and that was to encourage a system that would provide a resource to counties for purposes of indigent defense. And as it is laid out when you read Section 13 and Section 14, the new sections, that are on page 1 of the proposal, it says that the services that are provided by the commission shall be available only to those counties which have an indigent defense system pursuant to Section 4 and intercounty local compact for the delivery of indigent defense services. In other words, so you've got to