

regulations for its organization and internal management and rules and regulations governing the exercise of its powers and fulfillment of its purpose. And then you go back to 9, it says provide legal services to indigent persons through the division in Section 12 of this act. Would not that allow for...if you just had those two sections of Section 9 and strip Section 11 out of the bill, there's nothing to prohibit the commission from allowing for a chief counsel to do everything that Senator Kristensen feels somehow your amendment cripples the bill, I mean, could you explain your amendment, I guess, to me, because I don't see where it does what the introducer believes that it does.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Section 11 provides specific duties. Under the bill, what would remain after this amendment would still be Section 10 which says the commission shall appoint a chief counsel, meaning they are still required to appoint a chief counsel. It simply would, in the responsibilities, the second line of that paragraph is, the responsibilities and duties of the chief counsel shall be defined by the commission and shall include the overall supervision of the workings of the various divisions of the commission.

SENATOR HALL: In addition to Section 9 which is still there.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, those are the commission's powers. We're not infringing on the commission's powers at all.

SENATOR HALL: Correct, right. Senator Kristensen, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Kristensen, how would, based on the explanation Senator Lindsay gave of his amendment with Section 9 being in place and Section 10 being there, how does the stripping of Section 11 somehow harm the bill as you laid out in your previous?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I think you need to provide the chief counsel with at least some defined statutory authority to do the budgets, to do the supervising and to carry out what we intend the legislation to do. I mean, these are just mechanical things that are routinely, I mean, there's several other spots in the statute where we give people this exact type of function and