

SENATOR HALL: Okay, because I will...I've got an amendment up on Section 9 that does just that and I'll offer the one on Section 11 if Senator Lindsay's amendment is not successful that retains those specific that you mentioned that are necessary to be spelled out if it strips some of the unnecessary language from it. Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Hall. We'll now turn to Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Wesely, members of the Legislature, I know this is a lot of the attorneys talking to each other on this bill, but I just wanted to get up and let Senator Lindsay know that I do support this amendment. One of my concerns with the original bill was that it was kind of, in my opinion, overkill. It appears to me, by looking at this, that too many people wanted it to do too much. They started out with a problem of counties having difficulty affording these large cases where there is a number of appeals over a long period of time and that was the problem that they were trying to correct and, in correcting that problem, they created this bill that seemed to be a little too all encompassing of duties for the commission that we set up. So my concern was not with my county specifically, but in creating a new bureaucracy or creating a new entity here that would begin with...I know the appropriation is supposed to only be half a million dollars but it would appear that anytime you create something like this that it wants to keep growing and growing and at least I've seen that in other cases, I'm not saying it would definitely happen in this case, but if you give them a whole list of things that they have to do, then they will make sure that they have plenty of work to keep them busy and keep them going and keep them growing and this was my concern. So I will support Senator Lindsay in striking this section and be listening very closely to any other amendments coming in. I also have an amendment being prepared on Select File as to what happens to this, to put in something similar to what Senator Hartnett set out to the floor, seeing that it wasn't statute, but it's not exactly what we wanted in statute and not really this close but it's an amendment that would just create the fund and give it to the Governor and tell him to make the decision of when to help certain counties with this fund. So, I guess, that's more along the lines of what I see the problem to be and the solution to be and I agree with Senator Hall's statement, amazing as that seems, that what we're doing here is...what we're asking to do now is to slog through