

intent to create a statewide public defender system but it is the intent to create a system that could provide some sort of a safety net for those counties that find themselves in dire straits with a capital case that needs some help. Financially, they might not be able to handle it very well and don't have the local expertise or money and so it's to provide a safety net. Now that's...that's my understanding and I think that if we're going to move to a statewide public defender system that much more debate and planning...I know you've spent a lot of time on this and I...and I acknowledge that. I think more time on the part of the Legislature would need to be spent to develop the proper statewide public defender system, so I don't want to plant a seed here and have it, in eight years, develop into some commission that is taking three or four or five million or ten million dollars without us making the conscious policy decision to go to that...to go to that kind of a system. One of the first things that I had problems with on the bill and on the E & R amendment was it looked to me like we were hiring a very qualified defense attorney to do a lot of administrative work and that didn't make sense to me. I think you, in your amendment, is it your under...is it your intention, Senator Kristensen, if I could ask you once again to answer a question if you would.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Is it your intention through your amendment to eliminate a good share of the administrative workload of this...of this chief counsel but for him to still be a qualified defense attorney and to spend more of his time actually in the court room defending cases? If so, if that's your intent, then who is going to handle the administrative work of this...of this commission? Is it going to be a paid...a paid person, an unpaid person, or how is the administrative work going to get done?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator Bromm, first of all, I would dispute the fact that there was a lot of administrative work here and to the extent that that may have been an impression I think we've eliminated that by cutting out many of the things in terms of providing assistance to the Legislature, keeping statistics, doing those sorts of things. Those have all been eliminated by this amendment. But I think what gets to the heart of what you're talking about is the change we made in Section 11 through this amendment and I know it may be hard to follow but if you look in the amendment, on page 1985, if you