

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...screams to us that this arrangement is inappropriate. Before, and I'm not going to put Senator Jensen through this again. I was questioning him about how business people would do certain things, as opposed to the way they might be done by government. Well, here is a situation where if we're going to follow the example of business, we would adopt Senator Lindsay's amendment because the hand that feeds or pays is the hand that controls. If the Attorney General, and he does, controls these attorneys general, these assistants, and he does, it should be the Attorney General's budget from which the pay for these individuals would derive. I support Senator Lindsay's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, there are no further lights on. You are recognized to close.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I think the reason...the only reason against doing this is because it's the wrong year for either budgetary or other reasons. The...the rationale underlying it is pretty clear. We've done it in the past. We did it without dissent last year. The...we moved the four...or three positions last year over to the Attorney General's budget. Those positions...those positions were clearly controlled by the Attorney General. The only thing that wasn't under the Attorney General's office was the budget, but everything else was under the Attorney General's control. The same thing, we're attempting to do here. The only difference, as Senator Wehrbein mentioned, is where they're physically located. But we don't move people who are in other departments, whether it be DSS or Roads Department, people in the Motor Vehicles Department who are in with the drivers testing or wherever. We don't align budget authority by where people sit. We align budget authority by who has the control. And this is the only instance in government now where we don't have control aligned with...with the budgetary allocation. I think it's very clear. It's an amendment that ought to be...ought to be adopted, and I would urge that it be adopted.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. You've heard the closing. The question is, shall the Senator Lindsay amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote not. We are voting on the adoption of the Senator Lindsay amendment.