

situation where I'm a dictator and I'm a mean fellow, and I conquer all the countries around my country and I install other people in positions overseeing those occupied territories. Then we have a war and I lose and I commit suicide so I'm not there to be tried and we begin to try all these other individuals who misbehaved while they were controlling these occupied territories and each one says, well, all I did was carry out Ernie's orders. Then here is what they're saying. They're saying I reigned but I did not rule. In other words, I sat in the position of authority but I made no determinations, therefore, I'm not responsible for anything. I'm like a puppet. I was just there as a figurehead. In this situation we're separating liability from responsibility. We're saying that the people who did this reign but they don't rule. In other words, there are no consequences which flow from this kind of inappropriate conduct. It's another of those examples where an agency can present the Legislature with an accomplished fact and the Legislature says it's done, it was not right, but we're going to accept it and let it go. Then we'll turn around on another day and say, why do these agencies carry on in the way that they do? Why do officials and employees ignore the law and go the way that they choose? Because we encourage it. Senator Witek said we have an opinion from the Attorney General and that's enough for her. There was another opinion from the Attorney General on another issue and I disagreed with his opinion so I hired a lawyer and went to court and the court established that I was right...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and the Attorney General's Opinion was wrong. The mere fact that he has issued an Opinion should have no bearing on what it is that we're going to do because that opinion is not going to determine ultimately how this matter is resolved. Mr. President, how many times have I spoken on the resolution itself because I'm getting kind of lost? Sixteen? I haven't spoken 16 times altogether yet.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It just seems that way, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I started counting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This is just your first time. As I view the records up here, Senator Wickersham opened on the resolution,