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So I don't...I haven't...I don't if I've explained myself very well this morning or not, but I feel pretty strongly that this is not a good thing to do, and I just wanted to register my opposition.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Madam President and members. I am not on the committee, so this is my first opportunity to really debate this bill and to reflect upon it. Senator Chambers' comments, I think, are very valid regarding why we should have a nonpartisan Attorney General, but I wish someone who is in favor of the bill, maybe the five members on the committee that voted in favor of it, could perhaps answer a few questions. I guess if we go to a nonpartisan Attorney General, to what extent do we need to go to a nonpartisan county attorney? That would be one of my questions. Perhaps Senator Chambers might want to reflect on that.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, will you respond to a question?

SENATOR HILGERT: Because I do...I do understand, as far as a nonpartisan judiciary and I think, obviously, that's positive, especially when you look at other states. But to what extent do we carry this to the county level with county attorneys and public defenders?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Hilgert, the Attorney General, as you know, is a statewide office and the statute imposes on the Attorney General duties and powers that no county attorney, that no city attorney, and no public defender would have. So I have no intention of bringing it down to the county level because a principle, which may be valid at the state level, will not necessarily hold true at a lower level of government.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you very much, and that would end my comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Chambers, your light is next.