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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm very glad Senator Hilgert raised that question because there is a fundamental difference between the role of the Attorney General and the role of a county attorney. A county attorney is first and foremost a prosecutor. The role of a county attorney is to charge people with the commission of crime and to seek convictions. Even though the code of lawyer ethics, the code of professional responsibility says that the role of a public prosecutor is not just to convict but to see that justice is done, and that's why the duty is placed on the county attorney to reveal to the lawyer for any accused person evidence which may bear on the innocence of that individual. So a public prosecutor is what the county attorney is. The Attorney General has power coequal and concurrent with those of a county attorney but the major role of the Attorney General is not that of prosecutor. The Attorney General does not file charges against people at the trial court level. The Attorney General's Office can give assistance to a county attorney if that county attorney needs it and lacks the resources, but the vast majority of work by the Attorney General consists in giving advice and opinions to agencies of government, to members of the Legislature, the heads of the constitutional offices. In addition to that, lawsuits that involve the state or state employees, even senators, will be handled by the Attorney General's Office, but these are actions of a civil nature. So there is a great gulf between the duties and the activities of the Attorney General and those of a county attorney. Senator Schimek has never bitten her tongue about the fact that she loves the two-party system and I'm aware of that, but this is something which transcends the concept of merely maintaining a two-party system. It deals with an office which ought to be in every respect devoid of politics. We know, being men and women of the world, that people's personal views at some point will have an influence on the decisions they make because all that a person is will come to bear on decisions that they have to form. But when we talk about the structure of the office, the characteristics of the office that are going to be in law, what we're going to tell the public the purpose of this office is by the way we designate it, when that is what we're talking about, as it is in this instance, the two-party system has nothing to do with that whatsoever. We need to have the objectivity. In states where judges have to stand for election, in some states