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business of giving advice. Lawyers are in the business of adhering to an ethical code that requires us to represent the interest of our client, not the interest of the lawyer. Our ethical code requires us to represent the interest of our client, not our own interests. An Attorney General that is put in the position of owing an allegiance to a party that helped him or she become elected will not owe the same allegiance to their client, that is the state of Nebraska, as they should. You cannot, you should not ask that that office be political in any respect. Their allegiance as a lawyer, their allegiance as a representative of the people has to be otherwise. Now, what about this business of something working or not working? This Legislature is a unique example, in the United States anyway, of a...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...state nonpartisan legislative body, and it works...and it works. There is no reason to expect that we could not have a competent, qualified, Attorney General elected on a nonpartisan ballot and that the person elected on a nonpartisan ballot would not have a greater expectation, in my mind, of representing the state as a state rather than a political party.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Crosby, and I will try to be brief as well. I wasn't really planning to speak, but I was sitting here listening and thinking about the many phone calls and messages that I've had and, to some extent, people questioning my thinking, if not my sanity, in the way I voted for this bill. That's not necessarily all the contacts I've had. I've had...I've certainly had contacts from constituents who felt that this vote was the correct one and so I've tried to consider all of that, but...and I spoke a couple times ago when we debated on this bill but I think, for the record at least, I need to clarify why I'm voting the way that I am. I am going to...to vote once again to support the bill and I think it comes down...part of it is probably because...because I am a lawyer and I have this vision of how lawyers should...should represent their clients and the people that they're working for, and so