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done. So I am going to support Senator Beutler's amendment. It will not in any way impinge on the Attorney General because it gives the Attorney General first shot. The Attorney General may. If the Attorney General chooses not to, then somebody else can step in and do the job. Or if it's one of those matters where the Attorney General would prefer that a county attorney handle it, then such could be done. I see Senator Erdman standing beside me, so if I have any time left before my time is up, I'd like to consult with the junior member of the law firm of Chambers,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Erdman and et cetera.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman. Senator...Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. My time is up?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I wonder if you wanted to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. How much time do I have left?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Have about 2, 41.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And the reason I didn't want the time to run was so we could make clear that the amendment will be offered. In drafting up my changes, the word "may" was in the amendment as it had been originally offered by Senator Erdman. The word was "may," and I wrote in the column...in the margin, if not the Attorney General, who would be the one to do it? That was a question I would have posed on the floor if we didn't have this worked out so that it could be shown that the county attorneys or, if it was a minor matter, it could be a city prosecutor. But it was not designed to say that we should change the "may" to "shall." So they shifted from "may" to "shall," thinking that was what I had indicated. I should have written more in the margin to explain why that question was raised. So Senator Erdman is in agreement with Senator Beutler's upcoming amendment to change the "shall" back to "may," and I thought I'd go ahead and say as much as I would