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act for the Attorney General. All the Attorney General does is say, this is what the law says, and that is what that attorney would do. So we couldn't see where it could possibly be used. I realize it's only a \$14,000 item but multiply it by 50 or 60 or 100 times that you're doing here and it amounts up into some money.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the legislature. I have a question of Senator Luedtke or somebody that's on the Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke isn't around, who do you want to ask it to?

SENATOR KELLY: I'll use Fellman.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Fellman.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Fellman, we're talking about the Attorney General's staff working on these commissions such as Mexican-American or the Equal Opportunity Commission, etc. I've run across an idea where the Attorney General is the attorney for the state and then one of these commissions get into trouble with the state in its employment practices or discrimination practices, what position does that put the attorney that's working for the Attorney General? Is he in a conflict of interest trying to represent say the Equal Opportunity Commission against the State of Nebraska against the Attorney General's office? Are you following my question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman, before you do that, we have some visitors and I want to break in. From Beemer, Nebraska, Senator Hasebroock's area, 11 students 508 grade in the north balcony.

SENATOR KELLY: Well, I think that's the crux of what we're trying to determine here is to...

SENATOR FELLMAN: This is done now. The Attorney General's office represents or have a deputy attorney general representing the Liquor Commission in handling cases on behalf of the state against individuals before the Liquor Commission.

SENATOR KELLY: All right, then I'll say, let's use that as an example and say that the Liquor Commission wants to sue the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR FELLMAN: I don't think it could.

SENATOR KELLY: In other words, there isn't any conflict that these attorneys...

SENATOR FELLMAN: Not from that way because the Liquor Commission is part of the State of Nebraska and it couldn't sue the state. If there was a conflict, the members of the Commission might have to resign and privately do something. Specifically the Equal Opportunity Commission was of the opinion that if they used an Attorney General deputy and they had a case against the State of Nebraska that the Attorney General's office is in a conflict of interest in trying to represent the Equal Opportunity Commission and the Attorney General operating or representing the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR KELLY: It would be one and the same. Is that a problem legally?

SENATOR FELLMAN: I don't think so. I don't see how legally they could get across purposes. The individual members of the Commission could disagree. There could be a disagreement.