

in. Some courts start earlier in the morning and travel time is included. We have court reporters that travel a couple hundred miles a day and they may get home at six o'clock. The court may...maybe a case settled out and they're done at two o'clock. The times vary but, you're right, the salary goes towards their fees of being with the judge, doing the actual court reporter work in the courtroom.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so in addition to the actual work that they do in the courtroom and for the judge, they also do these transcriptions of appeals, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They also do depositions for lawyers outside on occasions.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Some do, on occasion some do. It depends, I think, on the amount of other work that they have to do. Some of them are so busy just with their judge and with the appeals that they don't have any time. It's a headache trying to do other work. Some do it, depending on their caseloads.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And these fees...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Some judges don't allow it, quite frankly. In my district, they do but I understand there are some district judges that won't even allow their court reporters to do other work.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why don't they allow their court reporters to do other work?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think just out of...they want them there doing all of their work and they don't want them off doing other free lance work, primarily the busier courts.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, I guess the question I'm concerned with, you indicated earlier that this particular transcription work, and I guess I'm also concerned about deposition work, that this is done all outside of the regular hours of the court. This is done on spare time. This is not done on the eight hours a day that they would be spending working, that they're being paid for and that they're working on within...in their different court systems.