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to the individual offense that we're going to have with one person. So, in other words, is it just as serious for somebody to go out and write one bad check at 300 or to write six checks of \$50, assuming that adds up to...

SENATOR LINDSAY: That's...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...300.

SENATOR LINDSAY: That's, I think, the whole crux of LB 111.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But that's what...that's what we're talking about is...and what you're doing then is extending out and saying, well, aggregation...to mitigate the effect of aggregation we're going to raise the limits. That's really the purpose.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. But we don't do that for any other criminal offense and, I guess, my purpose, I would kind of like to see it all be uniform. You're probably...it's probably not a bad idea maybe with criminal mischief, I mean, it's real easy to do \$300 worth of damage. If you're going to go hit somebody's car with your fist or with a baseball bat, unless it's Senator Moore's car, you probably can't do a whole lot of damage and you're going to get to a felony level. Some of the older, dumpier cars, you know, it used to be that you could...you wouldn't have to do much damage to get to a felony, I guess, is what I'm saying.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And, certainly, with Senator Moore's car you would have trouble getting a misdemeanor. (Laughter.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, and...but...the purpose of the whole thing is that maybe you need over a period of time to look at those and if you're going to...my preference would be if you're going to raise the grading levels of all crimes, let's do them for a reason and that's because it's been a while we've done it and the cost of things are just higher today and you really...misdemeanors are designed because the damage wasn't that big a deal. And I guess I'm, I mean, I understand what you're doing here. My preference might be let's do it everywhere or don't do it at all. I'm not sure on how I'm going to vote yet. Thank you.