

SENATOR LANDIS: No, although you'll see in the fiscal note, they make some reference to the counties, if I remember correctly.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I see three commissioners at 376,000 and the administrator had another 85,000 about...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And I'm fairly...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Really didn't say anything here for anything else.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: For the counties, no, because there is no...it's a remedy sort of thing, Senator Schellpeper, that if everything is okay, there's not a problem; district courts you'll have the ability and the Supreme Court, you and I have seen that happen where they go back and one of the old remedies were that you got zero value. They've kind of backed off of that, but...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: In light of the comment in this morning's paper by the Governor, are you worried about the \$500,000 A bill with this bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't want to offend you, but I didn't read the paper and this time of year that sometimes can be detrimental to your outlook. This is policy and it's like everything else, Senator. As I've talked to three or four other senators on the floor, am I willing to look at lowering those salaries? Absolutely. I tried to pick out a salary that was commensurate with what I thought their job obligations were and it looked to me like they're doing the duty of something similar to a county judge.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Now these are all three lawyers though.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No. No, that was last year's legislation when we were dealing with the court. We've struck that out. Only one is the Chairman because if you request a formal hearing that you're going to appeal on, you can use the rules of evidence.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I didn't think you could hire three lawyers for...about 200,000.