the size of Richardson County to absorb those kinds of costs and, of course, you understand they haven't even got to the trial of the second defendant down there yet so it's an ongoing issue. I visited with Senator Kristensen about this issue earlier and decided to take this, obviously, as my priority bill because of the...what happened down in Richardson County, but I have to remind you, members of this body, that this can happen in your county or one of the counties that you represent as easily as it happened in my district, and it could happen because there are counties the size of Richardson County and there are, obviously, counties that are much smaller than that and there's no reason why it couldn't have happened to one of those counties and they would be, in fact, much...in much more distress than Richardson County is. As Senator Kristensen indicated, I have visited with Richardson County most of this week off and on trying to come up with some direction that we can go in order to satisfy their problem. Now the latest issue, and you probably read it in the paper, was that they've received about $400,000 from FEMA funds and block grant monies, but I have to remind you that those monies are only to replace monies that are already under contract for bridges and the roads damage that they've received in the '92 and '93 floods. So those monies that they're receiving, although they're welcome and certainly they are tickled to death that they were able to get some action and move those monies a little faster into their till, yet they're not going to solve the problem of their costs on the court costs that they have incurred and they are going to continue to incur. So even though they have been able to secure a great deal of money, that money is only going to replace money that they spent out of their road fund and now their bridge fund and out of their inheritance tax funds for the purpose of being able to pay some of the costs incurred that have been incurred because of these trials. You know, having served on the board and understanding what the problem is, it becomes rather frustrating when you know that those expenses, and one of the things that I've heard and I guess it's true, that actually these are crimes against the state. They're not against Richardson County or Johnson County or Buffalo County, they are crimes against the State of Nebraska and I guess, in looking and reviewing what has happened in other states, that attitude has prevailed and they've said they are crimes against the state, therefore, the state should certainly be involved in trying to pick up some of the expenses in paying for the costs of these terribly high-priced trials. I have a letter in my file from an individual in Butler County who indicated that this is never