

is a prospective litigation or prospective, excuse me, legislation. So it's not going to help out that situation and that's a tough situation for people in Floyd's district to swallow, having to absorb those kinds of bills. And there are some things I think that can occur that would help that out, but this isn't one of them. What this is going to do is going to start us down the road of increasing the amount of money we're spending on indigent defense. And if we're committed to doing that, then I think that's a good thing, but we'd better look if we are committed to doing it because I think we all know what happens once a commission is established and comes in with its budgets, they generally don't come in with lower budgets in future years. Certainly they don't come in with lower budgets if the need is 20 times what they originally appropriated. Five hundred thousand spread out over 93 counties, you remember Senator Hall's analogy yesterday of how far you can spread whatever he was going to spread, peanut butter I guess it was, and we're going to have an awful lot of white bread there because \$500,000 spread over 93 counties isn't going to add up to that much. But if we look at the terms of the legislation and make sure everybody is comfortable with it, this commission that is going to decide where that money goes, and it's the commission that decides that, is comprised of nine people appointed from a list provided by the bar association. A Governor can only appoint them from attorneys the bar association puts forward. Number one, then, if you control the bar association, you control what names get on that list. Now I'm sure you're all comfortable with a bar association that may be controlled by Lincoln and Omaha lawyers. If that's the case, you know what list of names are going to appear on that list. Now when we take those names and we put them down and we have those nine names that are going to meet, five of those constitute a quorum. Five of those nine constitute a quorum and out of those a majority can take the action. Three lawyers then, one-third of the commission,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...is going to be determining where those scarce resources are going to go. I suggest to you those three lawyers are not all going to be coming from Richardson County or from any single county in the state so those counties are going to have, except possibly Douglas, Lancaster Counties, so I think you are going to have a disproportionate amount. That may be a good thing and I suspect I'm going to be voting for the