

keep redirecting where the discussion is at. Realize that this is not a fund of money that is going to be distributed to each of the 93 counties. The analogy that you're going to give a little something to every county is just not true. Under the green copy I suggest that there may be more of an argument for that because everybody is going to say, well, we paid in a little, we certainly ought to get something for the money we paid in. It's like insurance. You know, I'll gladly pay my premiums as long as I have a loss and get paid, but if I don't have a loss, why should I pay my premiums? It's one of those concepts that is human nature, but, in effect, doesn't work, and to Senator Hall, last year I introduced a state prosecutors bill and looked at that and through the summer of this... yes, as of every other bill in Judiciary, Senator Hall, you're right, it was thumbs down, but this summer Senator Warner had a series of Revenue Committee meetings. One of the recommendations that came out of there was the beginning to do indigent defense because you could save money and you could provide better quality of defense, and the way you can save money is that if you have...let's just say there's four people out there doing the defense, they're not paying and charging on the hour, they're getting a salary. They're able to go into a county and not have the huge per hour expenditures that you normally would have. Are they going to be able to be in every county? Absolutely not. And \$500,000, is that going to be enough to cover every need in the county? No, but it's the only place that you begin to do this and I suggest that you can help out at least two or three or four counties, I think probably up, I think the numbers that I've seen have probably been ten capital cases a year is what you can expect a group like this to be able to handle, and those are...you know, I don't know how many capital cases, Senator Chambers probably has a better handle on the number of capital cases that are there every year. Obviously, every first degree murder case has the possibility of a capital, but in reality there aren't that many that really are there and, you know, Richardson County, there's always the possibilities of postconviction relief that they can apply and those sorts of things that may help them out in the future too. So I want to make sure that we're directing the discussion, and, Senator Bromm, I'm not sure which county at this point wouldn't like a system where they don't have to pay any money in it and they may in certain circumstances get some assistance from it. I think you'll find most counties, once they see those facts, would like to participate in that. And so often as happened, it is not popular to provide good defense, but this is a matter