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SENATOR HARTNETT: What...give me...I'm not a...I'm not an attorney, what do you see as a legitimate salary, I guess?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, if you're asking me what a legitimate salary is,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. (Laughter.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...Senator, that could probably...

SENATOR HARTNETT: I shouldn't leave myself open.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...just hire one. So don't ask me that question. It's my understanding that, roughly, \$500,000 could equip and staff, with accompanying support staff and some equipment, roughly four to five.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Four to five, with the...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's...okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: With accompanying staff and equipment

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. All right. Thank you. Senator Chambers, did you want some more time of mine?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Kristensen, what I was going to suggest, and I think these things are possible because I have watched the way murder cases are handled in counties around the state and I can't be in each county or be aware of each...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but there are stratagems used by prosecutors as well as defense attorneys. Prosecuting attorneys have come to the Legislature and some of the proposals that they try to get us to adopt are looking with an eye toward budgets.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the prosecutor could put it in the posture