

up, to facilitate the counties dealing with this themselves by allowing an exception to the lid bill? Now the lid bill goes out of effect in July, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Depending on what this body does.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's depending on what we do.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, depending on what we do.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Assuming for the moment that it is continued in, roughly, its current form.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Making that assumption, does it make some sense to exempt out extraordinary indigent offense expenses and allow the counties to deal with them?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It does, except then we run into the old political problem of, you know, why have lids if they are not, you know, if we are going to have tons of holes in them, and I guess we listen to that in Revenue all the time, that there are many, many good causes for exceptions to the lid, and after a while, all those good causes, the lid...

SENATOR BEUTLER: This is just a forerunner of what is to come, isn't it? I mean, if we put on the Revenue Committee's constitutional amendment at a \$2 levy, we are going to see many, many more bills like this, are we not?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, I think you...well, depending on how we restructure it. I mean, this...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, that's essentially what you are saying,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is let's go to state funds, rather than county funds.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, right, although is it not done...this bill has been in the works a lot longer than the levy limit bill has been and I have had in the bill to make district attorneys,