

as well, two years ago, but does it fit into that discussion? Yes, that will be something that is going to occur in the future. You will have a number of groups come to the Legislature, I suppose, in the future, but that is...that is speculation at this point simply because who knows what we may well do with those levy limits.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me ask you one last question.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If Logan County out there has not had a penny paid for indigent defenses in the last eight years, and suddenly they had a murder and wanted the state's help with all of that, should they get that state help?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Provide...I mean, you have to...that's a real hypothetical, providing that they fit into some of the guidelines that may be out there in terms of what other cases are going on in the state,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...but, yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, in your amendment, you amend the committee amendments, as it reads, as I understand it, and you say that a county that does not use the fund or opts out has the ability to receive those monies that they would proportionately receive that are allocated by the state to the fund. Is that not correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, if for example, the General Fund appropriation we decided upon was \$500,000, and Douglas County opt'd out, and I don't know what the percentage of Douglas County's population is to the population of the state as a whole, but not even trying to be particularly accurate, let's say it is 25 percent,...