

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...fact, you've got...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Kind of an automatic, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, as a practical matter, it happens a lot.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so, essentially, then, the chief counsel and how many attorneys?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Three or four lawyers?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, if we have it, if we...if we go on what, basically, I have been saying that I think we are going to put in an appropriations bill, or into the A bill to do this, the intent is that you will probably have a staff of four or five. Five is probably the most.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so they will continually then deal with either emergencies in counties but that doesn't seem to happen real often, so, in between times, they will be doing death row inmates' appeals...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Pirsch, I think you may have missed the point here, and let's back up.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: These people are going to go out and be of assistance to the State of Nebraska for indigent defense cases. Now they can be in either Lancaster or Douglas or any of the other counties that are out there. At most, I would say that these people can handle two to three major cases...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...at a time, just because they take up a tremendous amount of time. It requires a lot of work, particularly if you are going to try that case, that you can only do so many at a time. So there is a number of cases that are out there. These five won't begin to touch all of the cases that are probably necessary to do.