

balanced in terms of who is on there and where they come from, so you don't have people concerned about that one area of the state may be able to control. Those people are going to come from each of our six Supreme Court Judicial Districts, and you're going to have three people at large. You are going to try to get people who are not influenced by political persuasion, so you are going to try to make it as nonpartisan as you can, but you also want people that are concerned about providing this indigent defense. You know, it is real popular if you go out to people and say I don't think we ought to provide any lawyers to these criminals. Doggone them, you know, they don't deserve a lawyer. Well, that may well be our gut instinct and our opinion. I certainly don't like people that commit crimes, nobody else does, but the real world is you don't have a choice. The real world is that you have to do it, and so what we are doing with this is that these people are going to be paid a salary. They are not going to be paid on the hour, and, as one speaker asked a little earlier, well, this is just going to increase a lot more money. There is no way that this can't help but save money. You are going to pay these people on a salary. The counties will not be paying on an hourly basis on each case. You won't be seeing those. They are not going to be able to do every capital case that there is out here, but they are going to be able to probably do two to three cases. So at the most, they are going to cover 15 cases a year, and I suggest to you that they are going to be swamped. It doesn't mean they have to try any case either, necessarily, but they can go in and provide some assistance, and that's so important. They can do it over the telephone. They can do it and come in and help argue a preliminary hearing. They can help...come in and do an expert witness. And, no, if someone has some standards that they want to put in about which cases are going to go first, and say only cases in Douglas County, they are going to have the highest priority, we can do that but that is not good policy. You have got a limited amount of resources and the thing that keeps this from running away is the people sitting in your seat today, next year, the year after. This Legislature controls how much money you are going to put into that system. It does not become an entitlement. That is a misnomer, and that is a smoke screer. The other part that this does is we go through and we've taken out the standard language as it relates to indigent defenses, and those are, basically, what I think Senator Lindsay was talking about. Senator, I haven't had a chance to personally talk with you, but I went back and listened to your debate, and looked at it, and read it, and Senator Hall's. I