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I should say. I am reading from your summary. Capital litigation division which would provide staff attorneys, these are attorneys that are hired 40-hour weeks, week after week, with probably vacation and other benefits right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I know that is pretty cruel but I suppose we've got to give them vacation time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right, right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Maybe some sick time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, yeah, okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: May even have to give them some holidays off.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And all the other benefits, of course.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am afraid we might have to do that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And this is to represent clients in some death penalty cases, either at trial and direct appeal, or for postconviction proceedings subject to caseload limits.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Now that is number one,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and then number two, appella' division to assist with other appeals subject to caseload limits; and three, if caseload provides major case resource center to provide advice and forms or other materials to attorneys in felony cases. I guess I can see that if you are working a steady job, you can find all kinds of cases to get involved with, I'm sure.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler waives off. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members of the body, I am in support of this amendment. I think it makes a significant