

and if you get them convicted, you wind up getting sued for ineffective assistance of counsel. Those two alternatives aren't exactly attractive, but there are only six of us around and only probably two of us have ever done any felony work.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Also, Senator Kristensen, how many counties have set aside funds for this public defender in there? Do each county have to set aside a fund to...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...to fund this?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Now you're losing me a little bit.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Do counties have to set, as part of their budgeting process, a fund to deal with this indigent...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, I think every county, yes, does have a budget item for indigent defense. A lot of them use the inheritance tax fund as sort of that fund that's their emergency reserve, if you will.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Hall, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. Senator Kristensen, could I ask you some questions, if you would, please?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR HALL: Really, I mean one of the issues that we're looking at is an appropriation of \$500,000, even under this amendment. Is that not correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's right, Senator Hall, yes.

SENATOR HALL: So we're looking roughly at about, by my math, \$5,400 per county. Approximately.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You mean taking that amount and dividing it by the 93 counties?