

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, no, in fact, that encourages my bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Oh. Well,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's an argument against the...some of the public defenders that may be out there.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Vrtiska, do you have anything to shed light on this?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, no...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...no, not really. I guess what I...the only thing that I could tell you, Senator Hartnett, is that reading the Falls City paper, the attorney down there, who is the deputy county attorney, had researched some old section of law and found out there was a section that said, in fact, that the...because this is a crime against the State of Nebraska not against Richardson County that they could, in fact, file a tort claim. And they looked at the possibility of filing a tort claim and bring it before the body to enact, and they called and talked to me about it and I said, well, you know, I think that's a good idea. It's probably not going to go anywhere, but certainly it would give you the publicity that they're seeking because of the particular case. As far as the discussion on the law that was passed back then, you know, and I visited with Jack Mills about it, I think this even talks about what Jack Mills has said. If there's no funding in it, I think Senator Kristensen is right, there's no place to go, and I don't think they can force, I don't think they can force Roger to come up with the money if he doesn't have it in his appropriations bill. So it's one of those issues that's...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...difficult to really resolve.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Lindsay, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I wasn't going to talk. I pushed on my light just after Senator Hartnett