

And that's too bad. Actually there are some very good attorneys up in a couple of those public defenders offices, real good attorneys, but the people that head them, obviously, don't want anybody even coming near their little kingdom and that's too bad because the rest of the state, including the large counties, can benefit from this. And that's probably my frustration and that's not directed at any of the legislators because they're out raising, even if I don't agree with Senator Hartnett and Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay, I mean their questions have raised legitimate issues to be discussed. This amendment I think goes a long, long way. I listened to what they had to say before. I tried to accommodate their concerns and obviously it isn't enough. Probably for the whole bill I think that it goes a long way. But I would hope that this body understands that we can't appropriate the \$5 million or whatever is needed to really take care of the capital cases. We have...last year or 1993 we had 49 murders in the State of Nebraska that were prosecuted that I think we have numbers on. Obviously if we're only going to be able to handle somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 to 15 of those, there's a lot of work that needs to be done. But for each case these people deal with, obviously, they're saving property tax monies because those counties aren't having to pay by the hour and they help the larger counties because in the conflict cases, when their public defenders are incompetent somebody has got to represent them. And it saves them money there, too. I urge the adoption of this amendment and hopefully we can move on to the other amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen was closing. The question is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Kristensen amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Hartnett would move to amend, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett.