

at the way the bill is even purported to be laid out. Look at the title. Somehow with \$500,000 we are talking about the County Revenue Assistance Act, with half a million dollars we are, on this floor, stating that we are providing property tax relief to the counties. Who are we poking fun at? We're poking fun at the property taxpayers in this state when we somehow say that we're going to give property tax relief with a half million bucks. We spend that much printing bills. I mean, we are not going to have property tax relief with a half million dollars. You're not even going to start down that road. Even if we were to pick up the entire \$10 million cost, as it's been purported for indigent defense, you are not going to have property tax relief in this state. There is no way that works out. If you want to make the decision that the state is going to assist counties for purposes of indigent defense and you want to establish an office that works as a referral source, a reference center, fine, address it in that way. And Senator Lindsay and I have an amendment that I believe will move toward that end, that we'll, hopefully, get to this afternoon. And I hope Senator Lindsay is giving that to Senator Kristensen now so that he can take a look at it and the proponents of the measure can take a look at it for purposes of coming to some kind of closure on this issue, hopefully, a meeting of the minds, if you will. Again, I appreciate the movement that Senator Kristensen has made on the issue. But don't poke fun at the property taxpayers in this state and somehow lead them to believe that this County Revenue Assistance Act is going to be the salvation for the problems that are out there in our current property tax system. I'm not the one poking fun at the amendment that says we ought to put it in Kearney. The fun is being poked at us who pay the property taxes and who are being told that somehow we're going to have less property tax to pay by the state appropriating another half million dollars. The cost of indigent defense is only going to go up by half a million dollars, and that's a policy decision we ought to make, that's fine, but let's take a look at how we want it structured. And that's exactly what we're doing here on the floor with these amendments. I think many of these things would have been addressed if the bill would have gone where it properly belonged, that was to the Judiciary Committee. And Senator Kristensen knows my feelings on that, we spelled that out the first day that we debated it. And the rule change will come in that says one-liners are going to be drafted by the Revisors Office, not by the introducers of bills.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.