

put that into an amendment to make sure. The reason I didn't like Senator Lindsay's amendment is that it talked about all those things for any indigent defense counsel, that included the ones of this public advocacy group. The other thing that this will do is that this group of attorneys will go out, provide assistance. They can do it either at trial level where the actual trial takes place, like in Richardson County. They could do it on appeal, so you may have some of these cases where the defense counsel says, look, I try cases but I don't do much appeal work before the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals, that they could come in and do that. And then there are cases, and this is where the larger counties will come in...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and the larger counties have their public defenders who are good people, who are qualified, who are professional people, but that the defendant raises and said they were incompetent when they represented me, and thus on what we call post conviction relief somebody has got to represent the defendant because it's a conflict. The person they say is incompetent can't represent them again. That's where this will provide property tax relief, but it also sets up the system of some expertise. You improve the quality of the system and you also provide some relief. Is it going to have dramatic property tax relief? No, at the most, we only spend \$10 million on all indigent defense. So you can't go home and say we solved the property tax problem with this bill. I acknowledge that, I've never held that out to be true. It will help, it will especially help the smaller counties and it's going to act as, I believe, some sort of an insurance policy. With that, I think that's a review of what the committee amendment does at this point in time and I do appreciate the people who have been patient today to listen and...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...try to improve the system. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.