

sudden, integrity and brains are the bastion of other folks who write the one-liners. So the bill ends up sliding over into another committee. And that's why we're debating this bill for the number of hours we are here on the floor, because the issues weren't addressed where they belonged. It is not a property tax issue, it's an indigent defense issue. It's one that should have been addressed in the Judiciary Committee; it's one of the reasons I'm going to vote to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I hope we won't view favorably this motion to indefinitely postpone. A lot of good work has been done on this issue, it's been done over a number of years. This has been a matter that we...that's been fermenting for at least ten years, and we slowly make progress towards what might be a better solution. I think most everybody is aware that there's a lot of inconsistency and a lot of problems with funding indigent services. I think everybody is aware that we can do better. We've now invested, over the course of two or three different days, many, many hours on this. I think that Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay have suggested a couple of very creative things that may be taken, hopefully, by Senator Kristensen and those interested in the bill and worked with creatively before Select File to come up with a version of the bill which can be good for the small counties, can be fair to the big counties, can overall improve the system for services. I don't think there's any doubt but that out of this process can come a very decent bill that can be very helpful to the people of the State of Nebraska. And we ought not to abandon our efforts at this point, having made so much effort, and knowing in our minds and in our hearts that we need to work with this and we need to get something done. So I hope that you will not view favorably this particular motion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lindsay, there are no further lights on, would you like to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Withem, members of the Legislature. Again, the motion to indefinitely postpone is one where I guess you would vote against it if you think this bill is going to get to the...after so many of hours of debate, I guess, is going to get to a form that you're going to be