

SENATOR ROBINSON: How about the case down in Richardson County?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, obviously, if this is in place, they...

SENATOR ROBINSON: If this would have been in place, would they be spending the amount of money that they...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, absolutely...absolutely not. I'm sure that that probably would have been a case where they could have come up and accessed this. And I'm sure that...you know, there is no guarantee. The bill doesn't spell out that it's going to go to case X, Y and Z, it's on a case-by-case basis. But I'm sure that that would have been one that was real high on the priority list for them to get done and to use those services.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How would it affect smaller cases, for example, as it is in all our districts where the judge appoints a lawyer to defend someone?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, it depends on...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Would it affect those...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It depends...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...because usually they'll assign someone...a lawyer from your district, so...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Most of the time, Senator, you wouldn't necessarily want to be the lawyer, and you could ask Senator Matzke, because it's happened to him, that would defend that person in today's, because if you live in a small county, you don't win. If you get the guy or the woman acquitted, you're going to become the villain of town, and you're going to be the one that got the murder off. If you win, you're...

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, I'm talking about smaller cases. I'm not talking about murder.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, you're not talking about...

SENATOR ROBINSON: No.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, there just isn't enough resources