

that will be crippling. This will act as a deductible and it will only be limited to actual expenditures. With that, I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. For discussion on the Kristensen amendment, Senator Engel. I don't see Sen...oh, here comes Senator Engel. Senator Engel, your light was on and it may have been from the last bill even. Sorry for disturbing you. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I rise in support of Senator Kristensen's amendment. It does address the concerns that I voiced both on General and Select File on this bill and I would urge its adoption. I concur with the statements that he made with regard to the intent and the effect of the amendment and I believe that with its adoption the bill is one that could be very workable and could provide the kind of assistance for those counties that need it, especially in the types of cases that expertise is often lacking sometimes because the types of capital cases are so infrequent in some of those counties. So with that, I think it's a good proposal and it does address the concerns that I raised and I very much appreciate the willingness to work on those and put them in this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I just echo what Senator Hall and Senator Kristensen have mentioned. I think it will get...with this amendment the bill will get to what, I think, what the core issue is and that is twofold. That is having attorneys with criminal experience handling the criminal cases and, second, hopefully preventing situations like that which occurred to...in Senator Vrtiska's district from getting repeated again by having these attorney, experienced attorneys on staff that can be accessed by...for conflicts in court appointed cases. The experienced attorneys will be able to handle those cases without costing the counties an enormous amount of money and resulting in property tax increases in those counties. I would urge the adoption of the Kristensen amendment and the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, Senator Kristensen,