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SENATOR BROMM: Do you think you can work...do you think you can make...do we have the power to require the judge to do that?

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, I think we do. I think we do because you're talking about the expenditure of funds. We're not talking about invading the discretion of the...of the court. It's similar to us saying to a judge you must sentence someone to this sentence, for example, a mandatory minimum or a fine, you know, the cases are out there that you can do that. You're not invading the providence of a fact finder.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Kristensen, the third, where did the third come? I would have thought maybe we would have gone with a half since, because of the structure of the original bill and because we have limited resources to work with, if the counties would contribute half, it's still a big help to them and the money would go further. Where does...can you enlighten me on where the third comes from? Is that just a compromise or whatever?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, that was a...that was a point of discussion about where do you draw the line and maybe a little...a little history about why you don't...

SPEAKER WITHLM: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...(inaudible) the green copy.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, Speaker, I yield my time to Senator Bromm so he could continue the discussion now.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jones, and, Senator Kristensen, I was just asking you about the third contribution from the county to the cost and would you go ahead and explain that if you would, please. I'm asking Senator Kristensen for a question or an answer.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.