

that's going to be very, very difficult and for a lot of counties that's a very tough task and, quite frankly, they would much rather have a small commission formed that's not going to be paid, the commission itself is not, and have brought in attorneys in their particular case that would save them money, give them more expertise and lessen the likelihood of incompetent counsel appeals. Now, for those reasons, I would resist the Witek amendment. I'm sorry, Senator Vrtiska, would you like the remaining part of my time? If he does, I would so yield.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Two minutes, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senator Kristensen. I just have to say that, and follow up with what Senator Kristensen said, looking at what Senator Witek has proposed certainly looks good on the surface but I guess I have to remind you, Senator Witek, that the two cases that they're just finishing up in Richardson County at the present time would use the whole \$500,000. That's about what they're going to spend by the time they get done with this case. And that is really the crux of the problem. If it weren't that these cases are so expensive because of the amount of time involved and the amount of people that are brought in and the amount of expert witnesses that are required, it would seem like an easy go, and I agree with you as far as setting up a bureaucracy, that's the thing that most of us hate the most. But I haven't really, with Senator Kristensen, found another way. We had originally talked about some type of insurance policy where the county would buy in and that type of a process, but seems like everything you do has its weaknesses and up to this point...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...I feel like that probably what we have before us is...is probably the best way to go and I would have to oppose your amendment...your motion to return for a specific amendment simply because I just don't think that it's feasible. I don't think that the amount of money that you would appropriate in the normal case, and particularly when there's a rather heinous crime like there was down there where there are a lot of protections put up the cost gets so prohibitive. You know those jury people are brought in from Omaha and put up down there. Those things all add to the cost. So I guess I'll just have to oppose your motion just based on the fact that I just