

discussing it is so that if you don't understand or realize about the disaster money, and the other thing, I don't see how the...how the Governor, whomever that might be, he or she, would also...if you say, well, okay, we're going to put this money into the Governor's budget, and it is there for when he or she needs it for indigent defense, he or she would still need some kind of organizational group within that to work on that. The Governor cannot do all those things every day and analyze, and so on, and have the forms filled out, talk to everybody. He or she has to have someone, has to have a group, has...would probably contract out to a group, lawyers, or whomever, to decide how the money should be disbursed. So I think what...Senator Kristensen is on the right track, you can at least let it work and breathe a little and if it needs to be refined, that can always be done. I think Senator Witek has a good idea.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: I just don't think it would work quite the way...quite as simply as it looks. I read through the amendment. I don't think it would work quite that simply. So, at this stage of the game, I don't see how we can bring it back and try something different at this late hour in the session. So, thank you. If you have any...I was hoping that Roger would be here to back up, but I know, I understand that Civil Defense thing really well because I know people that are involved, and so on. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Vrtiska. He waives off. Senator Witek, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I...I do think it could work this simply because I think the problem is very simple and that...well, it is a difficult problem to deal with in Richardson County right now and in any other county that would...smaller county that would have this, but in Douglas County we already have a public defender's office. In a lot of the larger counties we probably won't need to access this money because we already do that. So this is for those smaller counties, like Richardson County, that the problem is money. Senator Vrtiska said how much...almost half a million dollars now to attorneys' fees. That's what the problem is for these counties. They can't have something like this occur and then...and then be involved in this type of a trial and be able