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ask you a question, I have a question now.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I don't know how you stand on the bill but a referee that is a lawyer, and we are talking about we could have as many as twelve or maybe as few as five or six, how much money would we have to pay those people? Also, salary, office, support staff, equipment, furnishings and so forth, how much would we have to pay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I suppose the appropriate response is a reasonable sum for the services rendered, but that is probably not the answer you are...

SENATOR ROBINSON: That is probably at least a \$100,000 isn't it? Most lawyers make a \$100,000 a year?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, we are going to have a special election....

SENATOR ROBINSON: A smirk...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...in the 37th District because I know one that would be leaving right quick.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Made you feel good.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I assume...if you are asking for a range, let me talk to you about the range on the tax equalization review commission that one of the spots was the chair, we were in that range from about 50 to 70, but you had trouble finding people in the 50 ranges? Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So we are up to 65 or 70?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm just, and I'm just throwing out to you a ballpark figure. I'm not guaranteeing it, I'm just telling you...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...are not talking \$20,000.