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principle, we do this a bunch, we could probably then regularize, what if you had 500 appointments? We could come up with a cost of 500 appointments. We don't have that here. I can't answer the question, Mark.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay, that's fine. A second question is, is that could this, and I believe I heard Senator Kristensen saying a definition of guardian ad litem, wouldn't that maybe solve the problem, rather than having the appointment of another or of a lawyer?

SENATOR LANDIS: I had the choice of drafting this in all the circumstances where guardian ad litem are applied, or this one circumstances that applied in this case. I chose this very limited one because I agree to the principle that Betz v. Betz ought to be thought out in its entirety for its application. So I declined to do the broader bill. I will tell you this. Courts have announced that they have an equitable power to appoint a guardian ad litem. If that emanates from a judicial power, and that's the announced rule in Betz, our ability to define a guardian ad litem may be limited at the extent to which legislative authority ends and the equitable authority of the court begins, so that a legis...an appointment made under a legislative statute, a legislative guardian ad litem, might be able to be restricted. I'm going to doubt whether or not the court would, if push came to shove, agree to a limitation of its equitable power of appointment under a definition that we gave their appointees to do the work that they say they're going to do pursuant to a judicial authority. Confusing answer, but I think the answer is, while there's some hope, I'm going to guess that if you have a straight judicial appointment to carry out a judicial function we are not able to circumscribe the rights, powers and duties of a judicial appointment.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Right. Okay. Thanks.

SENATOR LANDIS: And I'd be interested in the rest of your time, Mark, if you would comment on that. You may disagree with that point of view, but I'd love hear of your thoughts on it as well.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's I guess my...my initial thought is, is that this is another cost that we're going to foist off on the