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Wickersham. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Senator Chambers, if I could ask you a couple of questions, I would appreciate the ability to do so.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, please bear with me...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...please bear with me in the sense that I'm not entirely knowledgeable about what current law is, and I'm not sure how many others on the floor may be or may not be. But I know it would be helpful to me to clarify a couple of items. First of all, when somebody dies in custody, right now, it's required to call a grand jury. Is that not true?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and so really what you're adding on is not.... Well, let me not...let me state it a different way. In terms of the volume of matters that would be considered, as between current law and under your new procedure, is there anything in the amendment that indicates that there would be a larger number of cases considered, considering that subsection (d) already excludes those who die from natural causes?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The answer to that question is no.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so the volume.... Okay, there's not going to be any additional expense from a greater volume of cases, in all probability. Is that...is that your opinion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, the only other expense item then would relate to...would relate to the expense...any expense that might be related to the appointment of a special prosecutor and the team. Is that accurate?