

to afford it. It's a big money problem. So what...what would happen is, in those instances, we would give them the money. I mean, it's as simple as that. We'll take it out of the General Fund. We've already appropriated half a million dollars to this bill. We would take that money and we would put it directly into those counties that need that relief, and it is disaster relief because it is a disaster for those counties. It would just be the same as...as...and I understand there's a system set up for asking for disaster relief, but the same type of system could be set up for asking for relief for this type of a disaster. That's...that's the problem, is the money, it's not the fact that they don't have enough attorneys and that's what 646 is asking us to do is set up more attorneys, more staffing, a bureaucracy that if...if we have money at some point, I would rightly see that senators on the floor would come back and ask for more than half a million dollars to appropriate to this fund. And Senator Lindsay made a comment in the Omaha paper that it's just a drop in the bucket, and so, I mean, that's probably how some people think and that the money...that this 646 eventually needs to be probably fully funded, in their opinion, which who knows how much that could be, millions of dollars. And we have yet to really answer a lot of the questions as to how this would affect counties that already have public defenders. There's a lot of questions that need to be answered in this piece of legislation, just the legislation itself that are not answered in the legislation. So I'm thinking for at least the time being if we put through this piece of legislation, we could adopt an amendment like mine that keeps the indigent defense fund there and allows the Governor to go ahead and appropriate that monies as he sees necessary, and then doesn't set up the bureaucracy, and as some of those questions are answered, how much money we'll...we'll put into it each year is answered by the Appropriations Committee. We would never put more in than they would appropriate to it. So...and they say, well, it's not...it's not enough money. Well, how...this is going to fund, what, two, three attorneys. I eventually see them tied up in one or two cases, the same thing. So, to me, it's just whether you put it into the attorneys or you put it directly into a fund and go ahead and give that to those individuals and those attorneys, quite frankly, in those counties that are handling these cases. And I disagree that...that just because they never handled these cases they wouldn't be expert enough. You've got guys out there, women and men out there that are right now handling these cases and they're probably doing the best job that they can do and the job