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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it is your hope that that would not occur, I am sure.

SENATOR BROMM: Absolutely or I'd be here with a bill to change it, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there anything that would ensure that would not happen based on the way the bill reads now?

SENATOR BROMM: I would say there is no assurance, but I think the ramifications if that were to happen would be terribly significant. The Legislature's reaction would be strong because it is not the intent or understanding or purpose of this bill is to dilute the carrier enforcement work. It's to enhance, and I will give you some...I don't want to take all of your time but I have got my light...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...on.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bromm, your light is next.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Chambers, it is our belief and I'm convinced, after a number of meetings on this, and Senator Thompson's work as well with the task force she had, that creating a type of carrier enforcement where you have experience, stability, and longevity and professionals, if you will, who are more likely to be thorough and making the appropriate decisions, that we will enhance the quality of carrier enforcement, notwithstanding that you are absolutely right. You can in theory say if you give someone three jobs and they've only got two now, how are they going to do those two jobs better? And my answer to that is, for the reasons I just said, plus the fact that the colonel, the person in charge, is expected to and has assured us that he will direct those carrier enforcement officers to do carrier enforcement work except in an emergency where they are needed to apprehend a drunken driver when no one else is available or a situation where you have a known felon who is on the loose and they happen to encounter him. They would like to have the ability to assist with that