

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Don't get master, this master confused with some you may see in the education area.

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, no. No, no.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But this master, a master is basically a term we've always had in assisting courts to make factual determinations. They're used in cases...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...for the master to go out and maybe make some factual investigations and in these cases could hear, let's say you've got a thousand protests, they could hire two or three masters to at least come in and listen to what the people have, take that evidence. The master wouldn't make the decision, would give a recommendation back for this commission to look at. You'd still get your time in front of the commission, but the masters could be used in cases where there are large masses of protests and appeals to work through the workload and would do that quickly.

SENATOR ROBINSON: With what happened in Douglas County this year, you know, all the revolt as far as taxpayers, I would think it would be about impossible for this group to take care of all those complaints.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator, it depends on, you know, it goes back to my discussion with Senator Vrtiska. You have some people who just want to make a complaint and want to air that complaint. A lot of those discussions may be the same case over and over and it may only take two or three people...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and they get to that commission, and I'll finish my story.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I have my light on. I don't know...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senators. Senator Avery, your light is next, followed by Senators Jensen, Wehrbein, Vrtiska, Robinson and Bromm.