

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We have in the statute the ability for one or all of them to hear it, but the decision has got to be made by the group.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Group, okay. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Kristensen, could I again bother you with some more questions, perhaps, and...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, it's not a bother.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Unless it's Senator Robinson, I suppose.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. If I'm retrodding ground that you've already covered, I apologize but this is, I think, a pretty important bill and I want to be sure that I understand certain parts of it anyway. I'm concerned or I guess I'm questioning the relationship between the commission and the State Board of Equalization,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR BROMM: ...and also let's talk about the property tax administrator. Now the property tax administrator deals with centrally assessed property, and is that a position that is in the Department of Revenue or where does the property tax administrator come from? Is that an existing or a new position?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right now in the Department of Revenue there is a property...I don't remember the exact title but in effect it's a property tax administrator because they have a person in charge of doing property tax sorts of things. Under the current system, it goes to the Department of Revenue for those rulings and they determine the central value of let's say the railroad property, whatever, and they do that valuation. Those appeals go directly, they don't go to the district court, those go directly to the State Board of Equalization.

SENATOR BROMM: Now does that stay the same?