

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Or he, I am sorry, she.

SENATOR JENSEN: She or he, right. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It will be a she, I hope.

SENATOR JENSEN: But that really replaces the present tax commissioner, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR JENSEN: This is a new position?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No. In the Department of Revenue, the head of the Department of Revenue is the tax commissioner.

SENATOR JENSEN: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Under the tax commissioner currently, there is the Property Tax Division of which there is a head of that Property Tax Division. What 490 does is take the Property Tax Division and move it out of the Department of Revenue and make it an independent group. In effect, that is what the Department of Revenue is doing anyway now, but this would make them independent of that, so their information wouldn't be under the direct control of the tax commissioner, but would be under the control...so whoever the division head of the Property Tax Division now, in effect, would assume the duties of the property tax administrator, which would be appointed by the Governor. Is it a new appointment? Yes. Is it a new position? No.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. And then my last question is, can these people also then be fired for cause? Is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, like any other...

SENATOR JENSEN: All right, thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Any further discussion of the first three sections of the Kristensen amendment? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, I would waive closing. I think we've