

down at this time, rework it, and bring back some workable solution between now and Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I, at this point, would concur with Senator Hall. I think maybe it would be best to not adopt this section of AM1294. I...Senator Kristensen, we did approve the Standing Committee amendments, did we not? Could I...would you yield to a question in that respect?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, we did, Senator. We approved those.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, and would you yield to another question or two?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Absolutely, sure.

SENATOR BROMM: In those standing committee amendments, we give the commission the power to issue writs of mandamus compelling compliance with its orders. Is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Now without further review and just at first blush, I would say that, you know, the commission does have the authority, if this is what we're doing, and I may want to discuss that a little bit more later, but to issue what are called writs of mandamus, which actually requires...compels somebody to do something, and if they have the power, apparently, you know, that would be equal to the power of a court, which a person would have to comply with. And I think that merits further discussion, but, be that as it may, I think this section of AM1294 ought to not be adopted until we have a fuller discussion about whether we want to do that. Lots of times the county official, even though they are elected, and I am thinking of the official rather than an underling, like Senator Hall was talking about, is also being persuaded strongly by the county board that they...that that approves their budget, and they can be in a real bind on this sort of thing. The tax commission might say you will have a reappraisal and you will have it done by September 1, and the county board might say, hey, we are not going to approve the funds for that. County