

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...prohibit anyone else from auditing them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator Pirsch, everything stays the same. Mr. Breslow is the first one in the history of this state to somehow feel that the Auditor of Public Accounts at the state level has the authority to place requirements on these agencies. In going through the statutes he saw some references to agency that would include housing authorities, so he contacted the housing authorities and said, start filing papers with his office.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Did he want to audit them or just to file?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't know what all...

SENATOR PIRSCH: What was his purpose?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Schrock would like to answer.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Senator Schrock, would you respond to that?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Senator Pirsch, I did talk to our esteemed auditor and I showed him the bill. He said there's no purpose in me auditing them. He said I just felt like under present statute that it was my duty and he said I have no objections to the bill, as a matter of fact, I support it.

SENATOR HALL: Time. Senator Maurstad, followed by Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, I just rise in support of LB 572. I agree with the comments that have been made in support of this bill and somebody that has worked with housing authority and know...very familiar with the requirements that they serve under. I think that it's not necessary for the auditor to be involved and would urge the adoption of 572.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I'll waive.