

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue, and I appreciate that. Senator Kristensen, if we could just continue this...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR HALL: ...because my concern is, what about the...will the commission then have the ability, because I'm thinking of a deputy assessor who would have, I guess, be protected under a county civil service system. And I...because for the most part the assessor will be the elected official, and they'll come into office and there may be, as you stated, there may be more than one deputy assessor, there could be a couple of them that would head up various divisions, and I'm thinking of in Douglas County, because that's where I'm somewhat familiar. But I'm just curious, if we're going to allow the commission... I can understand the elected official being removed. I don't...I'm still not wild about it, but I think the way you're changed the provisions to allow for the hearing, the appeal process and things like that, that weren't in the original proposal, I think it makes more sense. But I'm still...I still have a real question about expanding it to the deputy assessor. And I guess is the commission...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Can I help you with that a little?

SENATOR HALL: ...is it...well, okay, that would be fine because, is the commission going to deal with the deputy assessors, or will they deal with the...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, they...

SENATOR HALL: ...county assessor?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...they may, Senator Hall. The reason that you include the deputy as well is that we certificate from the Department of Revenue assessors and deputy assessors. That certificate is their authority to do what they do. Now that's opposed to the clerical people that maybe will be in an individual assessor's office. And so you do this because that's the remedy. When you send an order back to the county, you're probably going to order the assessor to do something, but in effect it's the deputy assessor who's in charge of that particular division or doing that operation.