

extent that that may be poor policy, that poor policy is existing law today.

SENATOR WESELY: Time.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Kristensen, I appreciate that.

SENATOR WESELY: Time. Thank you, Senator Hall. Before we go on to the next speaker, I'd like to recognize, in the north balcony, guests of Senator Beutler. Thirty-four fourth graders from Blessed Sacrament with their teacher. Would you please rise and welcome. Well, they were just up there. Senator Will, you're the next speaker.

SENATOR WILL: Yes, thank you, Senator Wesely. I'd yield my time to Senator Hall.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Kristensen, I appreciate that. If it's poor policy today, why do we duplicate it, I guess, in this proposal? And it's not my point that it's poor policy, it's just that why do we drag the deputy assessor in, and why do we use a period...a time frame of five years that would basically be a ban from serving in that capacity, even though it's possible that an individual would have their certificate reinstated? And I guess that's a concern for me in terms of is it whether it's current policy or not, it makes no difference. We're basically restating it and try...and readopting it in this proposal. So it's open to, I guess, discussion at a minimum, and I would argue defense of why we're doing it. I mean it clearly tells me that we could have someone who has every ability and it meets every requirement to hold the office, but because of a provision in law we're not going to allow them to do that, because of the time period that we spell out that may or may not, depending on their situation, had any impact on them other than following the direct orders of their supervisor. That raises a concern for me. Can you...I mean is there...I understand that it was...that it's, you know, as close to existing law as it could be drafted. But is there any ability to sit down and take a look at the issue of the five year time frame as long as the certificate has not been reinstated?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, I don't see why not. I guess I'm...you