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you've got people in Omaha who really do need to have their properties examined because they're over 100 percent of market value, and that's not fair to those people, it's not fair to them at all.

SENATOR ABOUD: And they can't handle that...go through the normal process of the Board of Equalization and the...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Exactly.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...and the appeal?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Exactly.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Kristensen, could I ask a question or...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Kristensen, in the materials that you handed out in background information for the bill, in late March, you indicated that the Governor had recently appointed a property tax advisory group to consider equalization issues, including proper target levels and performance standards. In fact that group was appointed last fall some time, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I believe so.

SENATOR BROMM: And do you know whether or not that group has met and made a recommendation, any of the recommendations which they might have made might recommend this kind of commission, or are you aware of anything that they've...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: They've made a report, Senator Bromm, and I got to tell you the truth, I haven't read that report entirely. I do know that one of the things that I saw is they recommended appointed assessors and, you know, at the local level to do away with the politics at the local level. But to the extent, you know, what this bill is designed to do is try to take the