

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I deserve that. So I'll start off by apologizing for my earlier ramblings. I wouldn't turn my mike on either. I want to...I'm not going to address directly the Chambers amendment at this point in time because I'm still trying to get a better understanding what it is. And I'm sure that he'll have his light turned on and be able to continue to explain that to me. But I do want to indicate that I want to support the advancement of LR 41CA so that we can continue this discussion, because I think it's...I think it's important. I'm not going to repeat all the arguments already given. I'm going to try to be more succinct than I was last time. First of all, my intent is not to try to dissolve the PSC. I have and share the concerns that have been expressed by some of those in the lobby relative to safety concerns and making sure that the workers that are involved in these issues have a place to go, to make sure that their concerns and grievances can be heard. I think that we want to continue to have appropriate regulation in these areas that are currently being looked at by PSC. And I think that we can continue to do that with the statutory authority. I think that we need to continue to keep in place the various ways that we can look at reorganization of state government. And it would be to me remiss if we stopped one of the early attempts to at least consider various types of reorganization. And the last comment I want to make echoes a little bit what Senator Kristensen was talking about as he was ending his previous discussion, dealing with current PSC members and those that do a good job and, quite frankly, maybe aren't being utilized to the full of their capabilities because of the handcuffs that are placed on them. So I would just like to urge the members to consider advancement of LR 41CA to Select File. If Senator Kristensen would like, if he's around, if he needs time, he can certainly have the balance of my time, if he wants to finish what he was act...or earlier.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Kristensen, you have three minutes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. And thank you, Senator Maurstad. I do want to go on just real briefly and I hope that I don't take all of the time. But there is a move across the country in terms of examining regulation. And I know Senator Brown has got some of those facts and figures. But what I think that we need to look