

look it over then I think it would be very difficult to prove that just because of their characterization of the petition, that means that their effort to reach an agreement under the petition was not in good faith.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And I'd agree with you there. The key is that you said they sat down and took a look at it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think that's the attempt to develop the agreement. That becomes a factual element of the dispute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why not make it a Class V misdemeanor then, instead of talking about removal from office?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think that heads you in a different policy direction of fining the people for not doing their job. If they're not doing their job isn't the issue that we ought to get them out of there and get somebody in that will?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it's a...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senators. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Again, I rise in support of the amendments, maybe a little bit stronger now hearing the comments that Senator Kristensen said. And there are two I'll pick up, one that's not crucial to the bill and I concur with that, so it's not going to hurt the bill if it's removed. And I guess the other one that kind of stuck with me a little bit, when Senator Kristensen commented that, you know, if somebody says, on the county board, this is ridiculous, people don't know what they're doing, there's no way I'm going to support that. And I guess part of me says don't they have the right to do that if they're an elected member? I mean do we in this body always when the public comes forward we say absolutely, whatever they want. Sometimes we say no, we believe that this is the better policy. And if we're going to use this as a standard for county boards, when we talk about the main issues of property tax in 1114 and 299, if we had the same burden where we could be removed, which we can't obviously, but if we did have the same burden and we