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believing that a violation may have occurred. The person filing the complaint will not be put in a position of having to prove every element of the complaint, because that person may not have access to the information that is necessary, may not have access to the individuals whose testimony would be necessary to establish the truth or the falsity of the complaint. So, when this language, in Section 1, is adopted, it will not make it impossible for a complaint to be filed. It will not make the person filing the complaint have to assume the burden of proving totally, even by a preponderance of the evidence, that the complaint is valid. The person would have to present enough evidence to create a reasonable belief that there has been a violation, meaning that if a reasonable person, knowledgeable about campaign activities, were to review the evidence in this complaint, that person could reasonably believe that a violation of the law had occurred. If you strike Section 2, you do away with this thing of having the commission usurp the responsibility of the county attorney by making a determination as to whether there could be a successful prosecution. If the commission believes that there has not been a violation of the law that would justify it going to the county attorney, don't file it. All the commission is to do is to determine if there is a violation. If there is no violation, it goes nowhere. If there is a violation determined, it goes to the county attorney, if it's that type of violation. Some, as I said, require just the imposition of a fine. Maybe if the person refuses to pay the fine, then it can go to court. But it is the exclusive duty of the county attorney to make the decision as to whether or not there can be a successful prosecution of a case. I'm going to draw Senator Bromm into this discussion, because at one time he served as a county attorney.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, getting away from the kinds of violations like where the commission can impose a fine, so much per day, for not filing, if we're dealing with the type of activity which would result in a violation that goes to the county attorney, in your view, if the commission determines such