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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Discussion on the Chambers amendment? Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I rise to support the Chambers amendment. But also I want to make the point that we're cutting back the duties of this commission. We've eliminated people that have to file, if all the bills we talked about this morning go forward. We've raised the threshold eliminating some more people that have to file. We're eliminating the so-called frivolous claims and whatnot they have to look at. I'd like to see a fiscal note. Senator Wehrbein here? He's not. We're going to have to run him down, but I'd like to see a fiscal note. Since we're eliminating all these requirements for this commission, maybe we could cut their budget a bit. That's coming from a freshman. I haven't seen a fiscal note like that. I'm wondering why? I'm going to have to run Senator Wehrbein down. That's all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Baker. Senator Janssen, you're recognized on the Chambers amendment. Senator Janssen waives off. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, one thing that I would like to make clear, and my seatmate brought it to my attention, by striking Section 2 from this bill, we will simply leave the law the way that it is. We're not striking everything from the statute books that is contained in Section 2 in the green copy. When we remove material from the green copy of the bill, what we're doing is saying that this green copy is not going to make amendments to that section or those sections of the law which are removed from the green copy. So all of the law that exists right now, that would be affected by Section 2, will remain in the statute books unchanged. By striking Section 2 from this green copy, we will remove the attempts by this green copy to amend the statutory language that is addressed by Section 2. I will not say anymore. I hope we do adopt this amendment, then I will definitely support the bill, because there should be a requirement of more in the way of a complaint than just a naked allegation.