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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Mr. President, I would like to yield my time, not as a closing but as my time, to Senator Brashear.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Senator Brashear.

**SENATOR BRASHEAR:** Mr. President, members of the body, thank you, Speaker Kristensen. In trying to work through this and reconcile it to another bill, and I never...I never memorize numbers, that we have dealing...Senator Crosby's bill dealing with the commission. I'm wondering, because of the significant number of concerns that have been raised, if the Kristensen amendment or, in fact, and I'm raising this and Senator Kristensen and Senator Baker can be talking about it while I am, the Kristensen amendment is good, but it's not good enough because it doesn't go far enough. I really think we need to go to 2001. And Senator Baker I know is willing to accept the amendment as it is and Senator Kristensen indicated that he had several amendments, and so I've taken Speaker Kristensen's time in order that we can have a conversation and see if we can't find a way to get from the Kristensen amendment of 2000 to a new amendment or agreement to make it 2001. And, with that, I would yield the remainder of my time back to Speaker Kristensen.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Senator Kristensen.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Brashear, we appreciate the opportunity. Senator Baker and I have just been discussing the matter a little bit. Probably at this hour of the morning there may be a question of whether there's enough people here to advance the bill. I think my amendment could use some refinement to appropriately do that. This sits at the top of Select File so it's a matter that we can get to this morning and what I would suggest doing, if...if the Chair so chooses, recognize me to close, I can close, but I would hope that we would adjourn, and I think Senator Baker's agreed with that, before we would take any vote to advance the bill on any further than today.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** We have one other light on at this time. Senator Wehrbein waives off. Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to close.