

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

April 23, 1999 LB 78

SENATOR BRUNING: Not necessarily.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it's a negligible amount we could be discussing.

SENATOR BRUNING: Ah, but, Senator, you're argued for negligible amounts in the past on this floor to protect people...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, we're...I'm asking questions...

SENATOR BRUNING: ...from increases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to get an understanding of what your understanding of this is. The amount we're discussing could be negligible. Isn't that right?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BRUNING: Negligible, but a waste nonetheless.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, I would ask to withdraw the amendment AM1266, and substitute AM1453.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection, so ordered. Senator Bruning, you're recognized to open on the amendment. (AM1453, Legislative Journal pages 1657-1660.)

SENATOR BRUNING: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. With the help of our friends in Bill Drafters, who have amazed me again with their speed in their ability to make these changes and get the...get the revised amendment down here, what this particular amendment does, that's different from the amendment we were just discussing, is it adds back in Section 7, at Senator Preister's request, or a very similar section that allows a single ratepayer, an individual person, to appear before the Public Service Commission and present evidence. Senator Preister came to me earlier today and he said...he said, Jon, my concern is, that if these two behemoths begin fighting, that the...an individual may not be able to have his or her say