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LB 1285

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, further discussion on the first part of the divided committee amendment to LB 1285.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Matzke has a way of calling me into a tete-a-tete with him. Senator Matzke, would you yield to a question or two?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To me. I'm going to...a question or two?

SENATOR MATZKE: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, just to lay some groundwork, do you agree, Senator Matzke, that the PSC is a body established by the constitution?

SENATOR MATZKE: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And do you agree with what Senator Bromm said about it having quasi-judicial authority, far as taking evidence, conducting hearings, imposing fines,...

SENATOR MATZKE: Well, it's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which it can do right now under the law?

SENATOR MATZKE: ...it's an administrative body. Now it depends on how you define "quasi-judicial". It isn't really a court.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, it's not.

SENATOR MATZKE: It's an administrative body.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why we use the term "quasi". In fact, we use quasi on everything, from quasi-judicial to Quasimodo. But, anyway, let me get to the question that I want to ask you. Did I understand you correctly to say...was my understanding correct that you're opposed to all administrative fines?

SENATOR MATZKE: I have raised objection to administrative