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piece is here because there are well-heeled and persuasive people out there with lots of opportunity to tell us their side of the story. This is, I think, an attempt to say, look, here's the PSC, who is the moving party in LB 1285, saying why they want this authority, and I think it's entirely legitimate. By the way, we do Liquor Control Commission cases. You can ask Ray. They've got fining authority. You could go over to DEQ, got fining authority. You can go over to the Department of Labor. They've got fining authority. The biggest, most powerful companies in this state who have the most political clout in the last 15 years are regulated by an agency that, with the exception of the cramming/slamming area, doesn't have fining authority. What's wrong with this picture? LB 1285 is not only legitimate but it takes its place against a range of public policy that we have assembled over the years for our relationship to the industries that we regulate, and this is asking for nothing special. This is very standard stuff. The fact that an industry has talked us out of regulating them, that's the distinguishing characteristic here. And we're just going back to "king's X". We're just going back to the place where we are with everybody else and what other states do. This is hardly an onerous burden.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Landis. Further debate, Senator Bromm.

**SENATOR BROMM:** Thank you. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. And I wanted to clarify something that...that I said on a previous period of talking and that was that the fine or the order of the commission could be appealed and it goes directly into the Court of Appeals. Now that is true with respect to orders of the commission dealing with interconnection agreements and those kinds of things. With respect to the fine, however, and the statute that we're placing this authority...this increased authority in, they have a quicker, different procedure. An aggrieved party can petition right into district court, and that's under 75-136.01. They can go right into district court with respect to the fine and argue that they...that they wish to have it abrogated or changed. The court or the commission, in the imposition of the fine, may order a stay after notice to the commission under such terms as it deems proper, and may require a bond of the party who requests a stay. Now that is...that is