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forthrightly address any issue raised during PSC proceedings that may suggest that the public interest is not being served. If the company feels that it has been inappropriately ruled against or irreparable harm will result if this order is not stayed, or that it will ultimately prevail, and, there's a third one, the grant of relief to the applicant will substantially harm other parties, if those things are shown then the stay can occur. All the stay means is that the company is moving down the street, well, the PSC is driving down the street and the red light goes on. The car is supposed to stop. That's what the stay is--the red light. The red light coming on does not mean that traffic cannot flow on that street. What it does mean is that, while the light is red, traffic is not to flow. So a stay is not a final determination of the issues. It means that any further action pursuant to that order or action by the PSC will be put on hold, just like the red light is a temporary stopping of traffic. Once again, I have to say that my concern is not with these companies. You can count the number of lobbyists they have running up and down these halls. I'm sure they're not volunteers. They get paid substantial amounts of money. So if these companies have that kind of money to spend on this many lobbyists,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they're not going to be harmed by the passage of this bill. If, as Senator Kristensen has discussed, there are questions about the fairness and whether or not there is a meaningful opportunity to obtain a stay, those are the items we should discuss on the record so it's clear what the developmental thinking is that led to the ultimate adoption of whatever language we put into the law. So I'm going to listen to what Senator Kristensen says and what Senator Bromm says in response and I have my thoughts, too.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on FA302 to LB 1285, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I think there has been further good explanation by Senator Chambers of what we're trying to do here. And Senator Kristensen raises a valid...a valid point that there are things here that we could tweak or do