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And most people might say "yes" right away. He said, but if you give it thought, it could mean suspending it several hundred feet above the ground so that nobody on the ground looking at it would be able to read it, but still you could say the law had been published. So we don't want to say that we put a process in the statute if, under ordinary circumstances, it would be ineffectual in protecting the rights that that process is supposedly designed to protect. But again these companies can look after their own interests. I would like to see this bill move forward, kind of in line with my philosophy with reference to what's in the bill itself. We want companies to know that the state is serious, that these are not ho-hum...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...matters that we're discussing. Once we take some kind of action, they will spring into action. But if it looks like they can shilly-shally and cause us to dillydally, then nothing will result in terms of meaningful action. So I'm going to support the bill. And I think I may have one more opportunity to speak, so I'm going to turn on my light and, if I'm mistaken, I will be informed by the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen, on the committee amendments to LB 1285.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And I think what we've gotten as a process here is that most of the issues have been brought out, and I want to bring one more out. And my guess is what we're going to do is give to the floor what all the problems, I shouldn't say problems, what all the issues are because there are some significant policy decisions to make. But one of them goes back, and, Senator Chambers, this has to do with what the underlying part of the bill does, it's the fining issue. And the fining issue directly comes into play with the issue of the stay. Let's say that an order is entered into...against a company. They are then placed in a position of...if they believe that the ruling was wrong, they are going to be placed in a position of saying do I appeal it, and if I appeal it, during the appeal time the fine runs. Is that...is that a...is that a correct choice that I have to make? Because, see, if the