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must be very strong. It must not be significantly controverted. It is a higher threshold than if we simply had preponderance of the evidence in the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So from the Public Service Commission perspective, in return for getting these higher fines...

SENATOR BROMM: Fines, period.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Fines, period. Well, they did have a \$5,000 fine, didn't they?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, not for telecommunications orders.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, okay. So, in exchange, we're getting a fine, period. We're lowering the standard with...or we're upping the standard with regard to what the Public Service Commission must show. And we're upping that standard not only with regard to the telecommunications areas, but all other areas where this fine would be applicable. And as I looked at this, and I don't know very much about it, but 75-156 seemed to be the kind of civil penalty, the general civil penalty provision that applies to a great many sections or areas of jurisdiction with regard to the Public Service Commission. Would that be fairly accurate?

SENATOR BROMM: That's correct, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So does that accurately describe the trade-off here to a certain extent?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes. And if I, I don't want to take too much of your time, but I've got my light on. I'll give you some back if you need it. But I think that is not necessarily just a trade-off that you would envision being one for the industry, but I think the Legislature historically...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...has been very cautious about giving the ability to levy fines to any agency or administrative body. Generally, we reserve that to the courts with the DEQ and so forth. So I think it is also in an effort to raise the level of