

involved with the process, and to have folks who would have to, in essence, be taught from square one, some of the problems, the terminology and the issues, that you would waste a lot of time, valuable time, that the commission could spend looking at the various systems that are used with regard to valuation and assessment. So the commission would be set up, would report to the Legislature after taking a look at the various provisions that are outlined on page 3 of the bill, under Section 3, and prepare a report and a plan for any necessary legislation, and this would be due to the Legislature by January 1 of 1991. So it would be a process that would begin with the implementation of the bill, and on Select File I will probably ask to have the emergency clause put on the bill so that the appointments could be made by the Governor if the body feels that this is something that they determine is appropriate. With that, Mr. President, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments, answer any questions that the members may have.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I stand in support of the committee amendments as I understand them. I just want to add to what Senator Hall had to say that I think this whole question of assessment is a very key component to any settlement of the property tax issue. The school finance portion of it relies upon local assessment. The level of taxation relies upon assessment. During this summer, we had occasion to have folks from the Property Tax Division of the Department of Revenue brief us on assessment practices in the state, and we identified several problems that exist, and I think we definitely do need some work done on this, and I know Senator Hartnett brought in a couple of bills this year that I thought were excellent suggestions and I'd hope the committee would look at his, as this committee is established they would look at his suggestions and, hopefully, view his ideas as part of the overall process also. I am strongly in support of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chizek. Thank you. Any other discussion?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would just move the adoption.