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SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I stand in strong support of this amendment. And I hear what Senator Landis is saying, and I identify with that and understand what he's saying. Also agree with Senator Engel in that timing is important. As I go back and visit with my constituents, I talk to them about what we're going through right now as a state, and about the economy and the decisions that we have to make here that we don't want to have to make. But we have to balance the budget. And I talk about how we all have to sacrifice to get through this time, and that something good will come from this time. And maybe this amendment is just that thing. And so I agree that I think maybe the timing is right and we're ready for this now. I have a question I'd like to ask Senator Bromm, if he's available.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm is...Senator Bromm, would you respond to a question from Senator Burling?

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR BURLING: Senator Bromm, thank you for bringing this amendment. And I have a question about the...there's no limit on the size of the committee. And I too have a great deal of respect for the Exec Board, and trust their judgment. But I wonder, when we get into lay representatives of various organizations, if there won't be quite a demand for an appointment to the committee. And if we had a number in there to limit the size of it, it might take some heat off of them to have to deal with that long list of requests. I wondered if you had a comment about that.

SPEAKER BROMM: Well, you've got a good point. I wouldn't have a real good idea what that number should be. This group needs to be a group that's workable, that's manageable, let's put it that way. And I think the opportunity exists, considering the areas that we're suggesting be examined, for breaking into subcommittees. And certain groups would be much more interested in certain subcommittees, probably, than they would be others. Their expertise may lay...lie in the taxation area, or another group, it may be in the educational structure area. And so I think if we break into various subgroups, we would have a better