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chance of involving more people. And for that reason, I would kind of hesitate to know what number to put on it, Senator Burling. But you know, I'm not going to have strong feelings about it.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you. I'm comfortable with it the way it is if you are. And I understand, you know, you can get a committee too large, but breaking up into subcommittees can get a considerable amount done too. So I'm comfortable with it the way it is, and leave it up to the judgment of the Exec Board, if that's your wishes, and I'll go along with that. And thank you. I return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm very supportive of Senator Bromm's amendment. I was with a group of business people this morning, and they expressed concerns about the direction of the tax structure in the state, and the need to somehow take a view from afar, if you will, or an overview of the system, to try to make improvements. I would also take strong exception to what Senator Landis had to say about this. He mentions that we've had task forces before and they haven't worked. Well, we've had legislative sessions before, but we just keep having them every year. Does that mean they don't work? I think...and Senator Landis should know. I believe he was here when Senator Warner was here. Senator Warner organized a task force, as I understand it, which led to the creation of LB 1114, of LB 299, of LB 806, critically important to the development of tax policy in the state. The other thing I would mention, I understand that you have to deal with powerful forces on both sides, but I was under the hope that you didn't simply concede to whatever was the strongest hammer out there, or however you want to describe it, but rather you focused on good principles of public policy and you bring the sides together around those principles of public policy. I think that is quite a lot different than simply saying we're going to conduct an auction and whoever wins...whoever has the biggest stick goes away. And I don't want to put words in Senator Landis' mouth. But I would certainly dispute his contention that a study that's focused on identifying and refining appropriate principles of