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changes would make the Legislature have more of an ownership in any commission or any tax policy changes. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Mr. Clerk, are there other amendments?

CLERK: Senator Burling would move to amend the committee amendments, AM1099. (Legislative Journal page 1126.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Burling, you are recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Thank you, Senator Connealy, for introducing the committee amendment. The basic difference between the committee amendment and my green copy originally is the size of the commission. My proposal was 30 members; they've recommended 15. I was estimating about \$200,000 for the expenses of the committee, and now it's estimated maybe at \$100,000. And then how the committee was appointed was another major difference. I appreciate the committee's work and their recommendation. Understand that all legislation that we adopt here is usually done by compromise. And so I support the committee amendment. But I have...I noticed when the committee amendment come out, the Governor was not a part of it in their amendment. And so I visited with the Governor and the members of the Revenue Committee, and decided to introduce AM1099 to the committee amendment. And what it does, it leaves in place that the Executive Board of the Legislative Council would appoint the eight senators on the commission, and the Governor would appoint the seven other senators (sic), the private and public sector senators (sic). And it would...my amendment would add an additional report to the Governor. Right now there's a report...they're to report to the Executive Board and the Revenue Committee. My amendment would add that the Governor would also receive a report. And my committee adds one charge. There are several charges to the commission in the bill, if you will notice that. My amendment just adds the charge that they consider the findings in the Syracuse Study in their deliberations. So that's basically what my amendment does. And