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representative of a low-income advocacy group. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Open for discussion on AM1228. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Connealy a question if he...as Chairman...Vice Chair...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, would you yield?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...of the Revenue...I expressed some concerns about this the other day, and I'm still concerned about the fact...as to where this is headed. I signed on the bill originally, although I'm not...I'm confused. I'm not on the green copy, but I am on the committee report. So somewhere along the line, I must have signed up. But I'm concerned that we have the data that we're really looking for without a study. Because I...when I...if I signed on, or at least told Senator Burling I'd support, I had in my mind it would be a Syracuse number two, or whatever, at least a more intense study that provide up-to-date facts. Because I don't know whether the percentage of sales, income, service, all those kind of details, can be accomplished with what we have. Maybe we can do it in-house, which would be great. Maybe we don't have to spend \$100,000, which would be great. But I'm really concerned that...I don't have so much problem with the makeup of the committee making the decisions, but I really wonder if they'll have the data available to make the kind of decisions I think we have to make, or at least draw from. I mean, if their premises are wrong, the study...the solution will be no better than what the premises are. Do you have any comment on that, in terms of your committee discussion, so forth? And the rest of the time is yours, unless I get a question.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes. Yes, Mr. President and Senator Wehrbein. From the discussion of the committee, it really came down to, do we want to own this, and do we want to do it ourselves, or do we want to turn it over to someone else and come with recommendations that we may not have the background on, and the ownership? And so the discussion was, how can we