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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...perhaps the people who are involved in that study will at least have the authority to come back here to the floor and offer some kind of legislation to enact those recommendations. That would be my comment from why the Revenue Committee went the direction they did and chose the groups they did. I will tell you that while I have no opposition to the people from labor or from low-income advocacy groups, they actually don't have any nexus with the tax structure. All of us are laborers. All of us pay taxes as citizens. But in fact, we don't collect taxes. And when we're talking about structure, it's not something that's going to go back and pay these people, or benefit these people on the job. We're all workers. We're all laborers. So I think that the committee structure as it's put together might be preferable to the Beutler amendment, which I will not support.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Raikes, on AM1228.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I offer my endorsement to this. I maybe can't make it ring. But I actually do think this is a good idea, and one we should go forward with. There is...there have been a number of comments I'd like to respond to a little bit. One of them: well, the Syracuse study didn't work. It didn't work if you think or thought there should be something done by an outside group that you simply imprint in state statute in Nebraska, and it's over with. It doesn't...it didn't work that way. It won't work that way. An update of that study would not work that way. But one of the things the Syracuse study did was identify several principles, some of which...many of which, I should say, are still relevant today, which people who serve on the Revenue Committee can consider as they consider the various bills that come before that committee. The...for example, a broader tax base, a...several components of a tax base, simpler administration. Some of those things, regressivity versus progressivity, all those are things which are not maybe obvious to the person first arriving on that committee, but are important in analyzing bills and deciding which direction you're