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gathering information. And the amendment that we adopted yesterday, if you recall, part of that was, that I included in there, a charge to the commission to go to the Syracuse study for information in their deliberations. The Syracuse study was a good study, a lot of information in there. But it just...it lacked that connection between the study and implementation. And if this commission would consider the results of that study, I think that would go a long ways in getting some value that we paid for that into our policy. I understand that there is skepticism on whether or not this will work or can work. The resolve of the people on the commission will have a lot to do with that. Since our sales and income tax form of revenue was...began in 1967, we have not tried this type of commission in this state. And I submit to you that the combination of senators and private sector people gathering information from around the state will provide that connection between the results of the study and implementation of that study. So I think it has a good chance of being much more effective in making policy changes than previous studies have done. I don't know what the commission will recommend. Chances are, I won't agree 100 percent with it, or anybody else in this room. But I think it's time to gather people around the table and say, let's do away with our druthers. This is the situation. This is where we're at. This is the kind of economy we're living in today. This is the twenty-first century, here's where we're going. Let's kind of draw a road map of where we want to go and where we want to be. And then future individual legislation can kind of be directed down that direction. So hopefully, that answers some of the questions. And I thank the Revenue Committee members and other people for their input. Return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Mr. Clerk, items for the record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 542, from Senator Jensen and from Senator Beutler. (Legislative Journal page 1379.)

Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Senator Kopplin would move to adjourn until Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.