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LB 542

offered. An amendment by Senator Burling to the committee amendments was adopted. When we left the bill on May 4, there was pending an amendment from Senator Beutler, AM1228. (Legislative Journal page 1217.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Senator Burling, you are recognized to brief us on LB 542.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Tuesday evening we spent a little time on this bill. I introduced it and then proposed an amendment to it. The Revenue Committee Vice Chair proposed, and we passed (sic), the committee amendment, which became the bill. We passed AM1099 that I proposed, and so what we have before us now is a bill that is proposing a tax review commission of 15 members, to review our tax structure and report back in November of '06 to the Executive Board and the Revenue Committee and the Governor. Then we came back Wednesday afternoon, spent, I think, approximately 30 minutes discussing the motion that is on the floor right now, and I don't believe we took any votes Wednesday afternoon. And so that's where we're at right now, this morning, with continued discussion on the amendment that is before us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Landis, you're recognized, if you'd like to review the committee amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: The committee amendment has been adopted, has it not? It has not been adopted? The committee amendment adjusted the membership of the commission, essentially allowing also for Executive Board designation of the senators, and allowing the committee members...the committee Chairmen who were outlined, to choose a designee, if necessary. And I think we...we altered the membership on the board, trying to keep it at something just larger than a jury. That's the committee amendment, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Landis. We'll now move to AM1228, amendment to committee amendments. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.