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them which way to vote. So a governor is going to appoint those who give the money. Those who give the money never constitute a numerical majority. But they give the money which can go to produce ads and other things that will sway the mind of the generally unthinking public. So the appointments will be made to those in production agriculture, who are the big ones who can make the big contributions. That should not even be here. Who in here thinks a single business person is going to say it would help the overall economy and benefit the citizens at large, if these incentives were done away with, to stop sucking so much out of the state's revenue stream, thereby raising taxes that everybody else has to pay? No business entity is going to do that. They shouldn't be here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, it seems to me that not only is the proposed commission ill structured and vague as to what it should actually accomplish, beyond looking broadly at tax policy, and I want to get into that in a minute, but it looks also as if it's not even coordinated, with regard to the remaining provisions of the bill. In Section 3 of the bill it says that the commission shall select an executive committee, and the executive committee apparently is going to do a lot of the work. And it says the executive committee will consist of the following: the Chairperson of the Revenue Committee. Well, when you look at Senator Burling's amendment, there's no direction, as far as I can see, with regard to appointing the Chairperson of the Revenue Committee to the board, to the commission at all. And so, it may be that the legislative Executive Board wouldn't appoint the Chair of the Revenue Committee. At least there's no relationship, as far as the Executive Board is concerned. There's no direction in Senator Burling's amendment to appoint the Chair of the Revenue Committee to the commission as a whole. It says, the director of Economic Development should be on the executive committee. You know, this is so "disincongruous," I must be missing something. Senator Burling, could I ask you a question, please?