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aspects that are in this committee amendment of what they should do. It even gets down to, well, you need to study the state demographic changes. How on earth are you going to do that in a year, to determine why we're losing rural population? They're to hold public hearings. I think we could tell what the public hearings would be now. If you go to the rural sector, they're going to tell you that, well, property taxes is too high. And it is too high for them. But if you go to the urban section, they're going to say, don't mess with the property tax, because there's nothing I can do about my income tax, so local income tax won't work. If you go to the business community, they're going to say, my, don't touch sales tax. We can write those things right now. We cannot do that with a committee that has no tax expertise and is supposed to complete their job within a year, on \$100,000. You probably can't even get four experts in to speak with the committee, and spend less than \$100,000. The bill is not going to work, and we're spending a lot of time talking about the makeup of the committee, when the bill in its entirety simply will not work, and we shouldn't be spending time on it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I did sign onto this bill with Senator Burling. I realistically think that there is a need for a tax policy change. How are we going to try to get this accomplished? What have we had in the past? How has the procedure been in the past? And the things that, that I've been really concerned with, in the three years that I've been here, as to, you know, how do we try to gain some more revenue for the state, when we're short of revenue? What group do we go to? It has been said time and time again, you know, we need to broaden the sales tax base. We need to broaden the sales tax base. I don't feel that's the right direction that should be going. I think it should be a broad sales tax base. And what had happened in the past several years is we did create another broader area to accumulate revenue for the state. I've really never been able to accomplish the fact as to how many dollars that this did accumulate to--anywhere from zero to \$50 million, in that range