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out loud on the mike is probably dangerous business, but at this point, I can't advance it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Just a little more information, and I appreciate what my fellow senators have gotten up and expressed their view, on whichever side of the issue. I want to say that this proposal is 100 percent my idea. Nobody brought this idea to me, and there was two things that really prompted this, in my mind. And that was what we've done to our tax code in the last few years, by necessity, and the fact that we need to maybe bring some ideas together on how to make it more fair and more understandable. And the other was the issue that Senator Wehrbein just referred to, the Syracuse study. We spent a lot of money on that Syracuse study, and I don't think we've seen a lot of results from it. And I believe that with the charge in the bill that this commission look at that study in their deliberations, we'll make some use of that study. And then there are other changes, many changes have been made since 1988, and the commission itself does not need to contain all the expertise needed to do this. The commission's job is to bring in expertise, gather information, coordinate that, and put it together and put out a recommendation. The professor at Syracuse University that guided this academia study, after it was over he said, so to speak: Here's your information, but a commission structure would have helped in several ways. It would have raised the level of debate among a broader group of people who are in a position to think clearly, who have laid out the ideas and issues for the Legislature to view more objectively, and would have served the crucial functions of education and consensus building around the recommendations. I looked at that statement, I looked at what some other states are doing. I said the other day, many states have conducted tax studies in the last five, six years. There are all kinds of different structures, but this structure of this one falls in line with what other states are doing. Some of them give them a year, some of them give them a year-and-a-half to complete the study, spending, you know, all the way from \$100,000 to