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representation and increase the money and increase the time, so that if we're going to try to understand tax policy broadly and definitively, that we have the resources, and we have the time, and we have the representation to do that. It's...I don't think the body is in the mood for throwing out a lot of money for another large Syracuse study, so maybe we can work through this so that we get broader representation and narrow the focus some, because I'm like some of the senators, in the sense that I never am against study, as such. You can't do anything but win from that, and in that sense, I'm certainly supporting Senator Burling's bill. But there's no point to doing it if we're not doing it in a way that has, I think, some credibility. So again, what this amendment would do would be to start manipulating the bill towards greater representation by adding two members, one from organized labor and one from a low-income advocacy group, and then retaining the balance on the legislative side by adding two there. So you're increasing the representation and then maybe we can start decreasing the focus, until we have the right proportion between representation and focus. At least that would be my idea on how to approach the subject. So with that, I would recommend to you the amendment currently before you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard closing on AM1228 to AM0932. The question before the body is, shall AM1228 be adopted? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Senator Beutler. The question before the body is, shall the house be under call? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 22 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please step from the floor. All senators please return to the Chamber. Senator Bourne, would you check in? Senator Cunningham, would you check in? Senator Byars, Senator Heidemann, Senator Howard. Senator Beutler, how did you wish the vote to be recorded? Roll call, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal