TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

May 6, 2005

LB 542

was in Revenue Committee, but I do believe that they're in the position to know more where we should head, in terms of the expertise they have, not only in the committee, but on the And I think it is a reasonable thing to do, is to recommit this to committee and let them polish this, let them tune it, let them see how they think that they should approach, get at the details that they think they need. If it's an expansion or if it's an updating of the Syracuse study for a modest amount of money, so be it. If they really believe it ought to be a task force, then do that, based on the study, the comments we've had here. And I...hopefully--I don't know whether the Speaker can put it back on this year -- I would hope that it could be. It is not my intent to delay this. I think most in here want it, but they're uncomfortable. I think we can't do it as a committee of the whole here this morning, determine where this should really go. Senator Landis has been in and out. I've talked to him. I wish he was here. time I get up, he's not here for the time being. I know he's around. But I really believe that that committee could take some time and determine exactly what it should be, bring it to us, and we could probably polish it off forthwith. I don't see that it would take a great delay, based on the feedback that's come from the floor. I'm not sure a commission is the answer. think whatever it is ought to be fairly small beyond the Revenue Committee. But they're the ones that are going to have to deal with this over the next few years, are those that are staying, not those of us that are leaving. But I think we're stymied here this morning, and I sense that, just as I'm stymied, as to exactly what it should be. Once again, Senator Burling, this is not an attempt to be an affront to your bill and your prioritization, but I, at this point, still have to vote against it, as it is, unless we have a more definitive thing of where we want to go, and how we're going to arrive at the expertise. And I would hope the Revenue Committee could provide that, if we recommit. That's my stance at this point, and thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Friend. Senator Chambers, this is your third time.