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SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why is not the Tax Commissioner named as one of the people on this task force, because that person should have some knowledge of taxation and so forth?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I take it I got a little latitude here to respond, a few seconds?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: The Tax Commissioner, you're certainly correct, does have expertise. The Tax Commissioner may well be a person this commission, or task force, would invite to make a presentation. I don't actually see, necessarily, the purpose of the...I wouldn't object to the Tax Commissioner being a part of the commission, but I don't see it as essential. And I would also mention that the Tax Commissioner does, at least occasionally, come before the Revenue Committee, either in a briefing setting or in a testifying capacity--typically neutral--on bills that are offered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Do you believe, based on your observations down through the years and experience with the Forecasting Board, that a member or two from the Forecasting Board could be valuable additions to this task force?

SENATOR RAIKES: I...again, I wouldn't rule out a person on that board, depending upon what other experiences they had in life besides serving on the Revenue Forecasting Board, as being a member of the task force.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why was...

SENATOR RAIKES: I actually think the most critical members on the task force are the members of the Legislature, those who are current and prospective members of the Revenue Committee, and other members who may not have in their plan to be on that committee.