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In January of 2006 the Legislature reconvenes. Is that true?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, while the Legislature is in session, would you anticipate those eight senators attending meetings?

SENATOR STUHR: I think that it's possible, particularly with the recess days that we have built into the schedule.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you think that everybody else would gear their schedules around the recess dates of the Legislature?

SENATOR STUHR: Since it's a short session, there'd probably be maybe one meeting during that session. But I feel that there would be an opportunity for, if this bill was passed this session, that they could immediately get started, which would give them six, you know, six months to get their feet on the ground.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you feel that six months is enough to do this?

SENATOR STUHR: No, I do believe that it would take at least a minimum year-and-a-half, and we may need to narrow the focus, and that could certainly be done.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this bill does not pass, is the state harmed because it doesn't pass?

SENATOR STUHR: I think that all of us agree that things have certainly changed, just in the short time that...in the last few years that I have been in the Legislature, as far as tax policy. And I believe it's important that...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...senators are involved in the study, in such a study.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, since I only have a minute,