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SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you like to reduce the amount of money that the taxpayers are going to have to spend for government?

SENATOR BURLING: I'd like to keep it as low as possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We can lower this, can't we?

SENATOR BURLING: You can, but you get what you pay for.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said what?

SENATOR BURLING: You get what you pay for. You don't spend much, you don't get much.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, no. You don't get what you pay for. People say that wrong. You don't get any more than what you pay for, but you seldom get what you pay for.

SENATOR BURLING: (Laugh) Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You seldom get that. Now, this is a commission that's not going to have credibility anyway. Senator Landis, at the very beginning, mentioned that there is a duty, a responsibility on the Legislature. I happen to agree with him. But since this is your bill, I want to take it seriously and look at the ins and outs of it. And since we're talking about looking at the tax system, this has been described this session as the tax-cutting session. If that's what it has been called, and if that's what people have been looking at, why are you not willing to reduce some burden on the taxpayers with your bill right here, right now? If I would offer an amendment to reduce the membership on this commission to 12, would you support it?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BURLING: No, I wouldn't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You want the taxpayers to pay more, right?