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\$100,000 and say, well, you know, we can't afford to meet too often and pay, you know, mileage and so on and so forth. And so they'll need to look at everything and decide how they are going to make...and the fee they have to pay the facilitator will be a big part of that, of what they can acquire a facilitator for.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Burling, that is the statement that I was kind of waiting for you to say, that the facilitator would probably be the biggest beneficiary of that \$100,000. And that's the thing that really concerns me, is that one individual is going to be profiting from the majority of the amount of money, because I'm sure that each one of the appointed senators or the representatives of all those other groups, you know, will not benefit very much from it, only their minimal expenses of mileage or a meal or so, which I doubt they will be taking. But this is the concern that I have. The ones that are going to be putting in the majority of the work to it, which would be the senators and those other members, those other eight members, you know, they're not going to be compensated very much, but realistically, do they need to be compensated very much? So is the majority of this \$100,000 going to go to one individual or a group of individuals that are going to benefit from this and utilize that money so that they can survive another year? So I'm not totally, you know, supportive of that amount of dollars for this, for this program. So maybe that's just my feeling, but I think, as the eight representatives of the Legislature trying to reform the tax policy, if at all possible, you know, that is part of their job. So those are my comments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Burling, I have a question or two along the same line. When this bill authorizes the facilitator or the commission to enter contracts with experts from any institution of postsecondary education in the state, and those experts could provide assistance--whatever that is--specific research, research or policy reports, or presentations, by virtue of the fact that they will be entering a contract, I presume there will be compensation they will