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applied?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would think so.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. And if that's the case,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if you don't see it that way,...

SENATOR RAIKES: Yeah, if that's the case, I would agree with you that you probably don't need to separate out...first talk about a tax burden and then talk about a tax rate and then talk about a tax base.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I will now ask Senator Burling a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling, would you yield?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burling, you did acknowledge that perhaps "nominal" didn't need to be there. I'm going to give you a chance to read to yourself what is contained in lines 21 and 22 and see if you think we need those lines at all in order to accomplish your purposes.

SENATOR BURLING: Well, the commission, to develop tax policy, needs to look at policies that we've had now and in the past, other states' policies. We need to look at who's paying the tax and who's benefiting. We need to look at the rates. So I think we need to look at everything. I did not...like I told you before, I did not put the word "nominal" in there, but someone apparently thought it should be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who...

SENATOR BURLING: I think, if I remember right, I just said, examine tax rates. But that's been over a year ago that we did this, so I'm not sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you want to keep the language in lines 21