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I think this bill now...I was...as I said, I really opposed it a year ago, because I thought it was "they" doing it. I...it should not be "they" doing it; it should be "we" doing it. And in that process, you have more people involved in this process that understand the process. You have people outside the state that hopefully will come to these hearings, and you could have up to a half a dozen if you wanted to, and let them hear what the issues are. And certainly, if they're going to bring up some issues of some suspic...specificity--(laugh) I'll get it--then it would at least call our attention to some areas that we may not be thinking about. We hear property taxes, we hear sales tax, we hear income tax. But if we look at these things broadly, and the areas that Senator Burling has laid out here to cover, I think pretty well covers it. And I see right now there's \$100,000 in there. I think that's more than adequate. I think it's absolutely unnecessary to spend \$250,000. And I think in the process, you'll broaden the education of all of us in here, and certainly there will be some coming back next year with some tools that they can use that they'll be able to bite into. So I heartily endorse what is going on here, and I encourage you to take a vote on this, and let's move on to something else. But...and if the body doesn't want it, so be it, but let's vote on it. And I think it's going to serve a good purpose.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, on FA542 to LB 542.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I appreciate Senator Wehrbein's contradic...I meant, contribution, which, as he pointed out, does contradict his position from last session. I still think that it's a waste of time and a waste of money, and I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two, so that I can zero in on what he's saying and what he means.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...are you...?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you yielding, Senator Wehrbein?