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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm ready.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, you said it shouldn't be "they," but "us." It's your view that senators will be benefited by participating in this study, is that what you were getting at?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, both ways. They'll be reflecting themselves to look at...focus in on the issue, and in the process learning more about our tax system, which isn't always...we don't always have time to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senators can do that on their own, though, can't they?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, they can.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they could put together an interim study and put senators on the study committee who have an interest in being on the committee and looking into the tax...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I would see that what you're describing is one and the same of what's in this bill. It may be a little more than a simple resolution study, but it could...it's essentially the same, just a little more sophisticated, if you will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what do you think the senators will bring to the table?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, if we're reflecting what our constituents...what we hear from our constituents, we ought to be able to reflect on our own intelligence a little bit, a background reading of what we know about the tax structure. We all have to learn these kinds of things over time. I think there's mutual beneficial...benefits in having group meetings