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and feed off of each other. I'm fairly comfortable with that statement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think this will be primarily a learning experience for the senators, or it's going to inform the legislation that they offer?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Both.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What makes you think they will offer wiser, more suitable legislation after participating in a study such as this than they will offer now?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Because I think there will be a broader understanding of how tax structure fits and who it's affecting. And if there's proper groundwork done, and I have no...I think it will be done by staff, and understand how our incentive packages work, how broadly they are out there, especially considering there's going to be quite a few new ones next year, I think to have a little more intense knowledge among the body that is carrying over is going to be pretty useful to help educate newer ones that are going to be, I think, good studies, quick studies, but still they have a steep learning curve.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you agree that some of the people who are to be on this commission represent what could be called special interest groups?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There are some.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And these senators should be informed by those who may not want to pay taxes as to what the tax policy of the state ought to be?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, that may be. But I would hope that whoever is on that is learned enough to understand hype versus truth and sort these out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think production agriculture is going to say that production agriculture ought to pay more in taxes, when we have a bill before us now to reduce the assessed value