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in which those meetings occur, and Senator Bereuter has been in some of those kind of meetings, too. He has served in this Legislature. The point that I made the other day continues to be overlooked. That local community has the right to make those kinds of decisions. The next thing that is going to happen we are going to have a state wide zoning committee that will tell you how, then, to zone your community and what to do because that local government may not be responding to zoning accordingly, and then the state can come into your communities and tell you and that is exactly where we are heading and I know it and you know it. Now Senator Bereuter says that some people will be excluded and deprived, and in the same breath, he said the courts are knocking down those decisions that are arbitrary and capricious. So if cities are being arbitrary and capricious in their establishment of housing, people have the recourse to court. But you know, they have never won one of those when it comes to standards of housing that I know of. They still say that that local subdivision of government has the authority to establish those necessary codes as they see them for their community. You can build a cheaper house that won't pass the fire inspection, too. You can do like we did in Oklahoma and you can run the water pipes right on top of the ground. They freeze a little in the winter but they soon thaw out if they don't break. This issue is simple and I think we have bent over backwards to compromise it out. I will tell you what I would like for you to do with the bill. Well, I don't guess I can tell you but what I would really like for you to do in nice terms is to forget it. I have never had any enthusiasm for this bill because it doesn't mean anything except we are going to allocate to the State Department of Health the authority to tell my community what to do and they tried that two years ago. Somebody came around and said, wait a minute, we are concerned about health, and Senator Schmit, you remember this, and they said these volunteer firemen are riding up and down these highways in these ambulances that don't meet any kind of requirements. What are we going to do? We are going to come in and we are going to have the State Department of Health tell that local volunteer fireman what to do in the name of safety or some other good and righteous cause. We almost lost all those people and now we are back again with another bill. The sole purpose is, and let's get the sole purpose down, there are some manufacturers in this state that want to pressure the Legislature into doing things for them that makes it easier for them to sell their product. That is what the issue is. The issue isn't whether or not we have compassion for low cost housing. The pressure for this bill, and I know where it came from. It came from those that make the modular homes. That is the movers and the pushers of this bill and it is not for the purpose, it is not for the purpose of providing any kind of housing or anything else. It is so they can sell their products wherever they want to at the cheapest arranged cost they can. So that,