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least five years. The second, seventh section, Section 77, page 81 and (sic--to) 83, creates a process for local government review and approval of short-term and long-term planning of the agencies, requires the filing of a three-year plan that is updated annually. Each year, the agency must submit a one-year plan for specific housing programs and projects for the current year. Public housing (sic) must be held on the plans and the agency cannot pursue a project which has been rejected by a majority vote of the governing body. Section 6, pages 14 and 15, a new saving clause is inserted in Section 6 of the committee amendments to replace the language of subdivision (45) of Section 43 of the original bill. The new language provides twelve months window following the operative date of the legislation with which the new agency could continue to exercise the authority granted under the old law with regard to any projects or programs initiated prior to the operative date of the new act. The second section, the ninth section, Section 93, page 93, old Section 92 is amended by adding into the new bill the provisions for current law relating to bidding and procurement practice and publication requirement. Ten, numerous changes were made throughout the bill to remove the authority, this is the tenth change, numerous changes throughout the bill to remove the authority for housing to engage in direct lending to individual tenants and qualifying individuals. And the last change is to add an operative date, January 1st, 2000. That is the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. (Visitors introduced.) For discussion on the committee amendments to LB 105, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You know at this moment in time when we're reviewing generally and rather extensively the model bill dealing with housing authorities, I would like to ask Senator Brown to address, and maybe Senator Hartnett, just some basic fundamental questions that have always been on my mind about housing authorities, and I've never really asked them because we've never really reviewed the Housing Authority Act as we have today. So maybe it's a good opportunity to ask ourselves some fundamental questions about what we're doing. And I guess I would start the discussion this way. The housing authority is essentially a subsidy program for the low-income and to some