

are facing today, is a lack of revenues. We have seen community block grant funds being reduced, we have seen many changes in the federal social programs. The proposal here, the desired use of this project or this proposal, and this is a constitutional amendment, its limitations, its purposes, all those sorts of things will be clarified by legislation. But the purpose here is to use tax increment finance to help rehabilitate the homes of poor people. Now I want to recall or I would like to have this Legislature recall that in fact these are the people that have the most difficult, difficult time. The rehabilitation, the use of this tax increment financing mechanism will work for rehabilitation for weatherization, to put new roofs on the houses of the poor, and for that Senator Beutler, I think we can, we can go too slow. You will find, if you are willing to propose or if you are willing to provide the additional revenues needed through state funds or some other financing mechanism, I would appreciate knowing about that and having your assistance to do that. But, in the absence of those kinds of assistance, in the absence, and in the cut backs in the federal funds and federal programs we have to provide for our most needy citizens. That is what this constitutional amendment would do. We can write the rules and regulations at a later time, Senator Beutler, and if you want to limit them to only those uses or if you have all of these other big bug-a-boo's and fears, well I'll support you in that endeavor, but this is a constitutional amendment to try to use that in an area that is desperately needed.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, remember I handed you that material earlier about how Omaha is botching up a rehabilitation program that they are administering now. I have told you that I have been in touch with the FBI and they are interested into looking into what Omaha has been doing. Now, they have had to redo the work over and over again. Double expenditures of taxpayers' money. How do Senator Newell and Senator Goodrich deal with this? They say, that is a federally funded program, implying that it is all right to mess up federally funded programs, mess up the people who are to be the beneficiaries. But, they seem to be implying that if you enact this particular law, and allow it to be placed on the ballot and the people accept it, Omaha who now is botching these programs will suddenly clean up their act and do what ought to be done. If there is to be an investigation, let that investigation go forth. Let us see whether Omaha is even capable of administering