

Wesely, I don't like to take that authority away from the Legislature. But in a tour we took of the state, we have buildings and we have land that we're not using, but especially buildings. If we've got to go through this process and we're not in session, for example, the interested buyer probably won't be there by the time we could pass it, and the building is deteriorating so fast it's just unbelievable the waste we have. And if you look at the statement in here of Chairman Baack, first priority still remains with the political subdivision. So, I mean, it's not going to go to private industry immediately. And I've talked to the Norfolk Chamber and they are so short on housing because the way industry has been going up there and they have some people interested and putting some rent or middle income housing in some of them units that, in my estimation, will never be used. I also hate to see so much authority taken away from us, but the waste we saw out there was just...I have had a couple of trips and it was just terrible. And so I'm going to support the bill. I think it's probably the best option now. And if we have to do something next year, that's fine. But they...in Norfolk they had some people that really were interested in doing some housing and some buildings that have been vacant for some time and they just were ready to go and the process was too slow. Sometimes slowness is way better than expediting it, but I can just see building after building never ever, ever be used again. You know, it's a catch 22, but I do have to support this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson. You're waving off, Senator. Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Wesely, would you care to close?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Yeah, I apologize again to Senator Peterson. I just...I always get concerned and I missed it on General and Select File and thought I would just raise the concern. I hear what Senator Korshoj is saying. I know we've got excess land and buildings. I know of your problem in Norfolk on housing. I don't want to make a problem there. I just want to be very careful and it wasn't NCCY that prompted me, in fact, I hadn't even thought about that. I just have carried legislation in the past and want to make sure that we don't...I'm looking at it for prime property that...making sure everybody knows that that's available. I guess I wasn't looking at it so much as property that nobody wants and trying to get rid of it and finding a buyer for it. I was looking at it in a different way but I understand that side of it. So, with that