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SENATOR CROSBY: Right, right.

SENATOR WESELY: ...they would not be affected by this.

SENATOR CROSBY: I have a lot of them in my district. Right, okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Again, as I was mentioning before, about the need for Section 37, I think we all recognize how important housing is, it's a fundamental, housing, health care, education. There are certain fundamental things that our society has to have, that individuals have to have to basically live, let alone live the life that we hope that they would enjoy in our state and in our society. Housing is one of those fundamentals, but fundamentally it's been forgotten, it's been forgotten. And it's time that we not forget it any longer and try to deal with the issue. Now, I did talk a bit with Policy Research, and I know that they have concerns about this. I just have gotten no indication whatsoever about whether or not they will, in fact, implement what we call for in the bill. And I'll tell you the truth, if I got the word, if I got the word from Senator Moore that there was an absolute commitment that they would do a housing study, that they would include the different elements that this calls for, and they'd do it without costs, well, I'm for it, I'm for it, I'm with you. That's all we're asking for. But if, in fact, what they're saying is that they don't want to do a housing study, that they don't want to pursue this issue, then I'm against that. I think that we need to do it, and I don't think that we need to wait any longer to address that issue. Now, as for the cost, again, I'm negotiable on that. I think the \$120,000 is probably more than we need. I think probably more like half of that. So, if you want to save money, put up an amendment on the A bill and cut the bill in half, to a \$60,000 expenditure, and I think you'll adequately address the issues involved there. And I'm just trying to be very frank with you here. I think that we need to do that. Now here's, again, dealing...I thought Senator Crosby's comments were excellent, that there is the private sector, the Catholic Social's work in housing is outstanding, and especially the concern about need for families out there. This bill, on discrimination, will help a great deal, because we've had a