

problem with families with young children being discriminated against; that will stop. But then the next step is trying to provide adequate housing, trying to provide them the sort of housing that they need for those families. And that is what we need to do with this study. Now, as for the things the plan would look at, going at...looking at what the bill calls for, we would estimate housing needs for the next five years, so it would basically be a five-year plan. We'd specify the needs for different types of housing, for different categories of residents, low income, very low income, moderate income, the elderly, single persons, large families, residents of nonmetropolitan areas, other categories that would be looked at. We'd identify the nature and extent of homelessness in the state. And I did pass out a cartoon about this, the homeless...we don't see the problem, but it's there. We have homeless in Lincoln and Omaha. We try and provide programs to take care of them, but we must be ever vigilant about those individuals unable to have housing. And we know that there are individuals, working in some of these towns I mentioned, living out of trailer homes and living out of cars. And this happens in Nebraska. What are we going to do about that problem? What we're going to do about it is, if we pass this bill, we'll do a study and see what sort of programs we might need to take to help these individuals. Or, if there is not a problem, if the study finds that I'm wrong, that we don't have the problem I think there is, then, obviously, we'll at least have looked into it and found out that that is the case. We also look at special needs for various categories of persons who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. We inventory facilities and services that meet housing needs, that's one of the things we need to look at is who is working on housing, many people are. Who are they? Let's get them in touch with one another, let's get them cooperating. Identify significant characteristics of the housing market, describe how the cost of housing and incentives to develop, maintain or improve affordable housing in Nebraska are affected by public policies, tax policies affecting land and other...tax policies like Senator Moore is trying to do to reduce property taxes. See, Senator Moore, this would help your cause, because we would look at how tax policies affect housing and we'd find out that property taxes are a problem, and so we'd be able to find ways of addressing that. We'd look at land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees, growth limits, other policies, these are all things that impact housing. We need to evaluate those. What sort of things are happening as a result of these different policies, are they