

discussion the other day, Senator Moore, I've never moved from the poorest area of my district. I live where the people live who have the most serious problems. So, not only do I see the dilapidated conditions that people are confronted with, I see the deleterious effects that these conditions have on the people, that they have on those people's children. A point is reached where a person's attitude is influenced profoundly by what he or she sees and the environment in which he or she must live at all times. So, if there is never in that community any program for doing away with boarded up, condemned buildings, seeing that others that are not condemned ought to be condemned, doing something about the numerous vacant lots, the rapid decrease in the housing stock in Omaha, something has got to be done about that situation, and currently nothing of substance is. This, that LB 1113 offers, is a step. Unfortunately, when we deal with those who are truly poor, truly powerless, we have to talk about doing things as a first step. We move in very small increments. And this is just a very small step, it's not even an incremental step, because there is nothing for it to increment from, if you'll allow me to take that liberty with the language. It is not unreasonable. What it proposes to address cannot be denied by anybody to be a very serious problem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think in a society, which America purports to be, the government, the society as a whole, should be very concerned about helping to establish a minimum level of decency when it comes to structures in which people live, below which no person would be allowed to fall. Senator Moore's amendment is designed to prevent us from ever really, as a Legislature, addressing the problem. I hope you will defeat his amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. I would call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That won't be necessary, only Senator Moore's light is on, and I would ask Senator Moore to close at this point. Thank you.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. President and members, to begin with, Senator Chambers, I don't...obviously, it's my intention to leave the money in with the Equal Opportunity Commission. Several of the problems Senator Chambers is concerned about,