

going back to some problems they've had at the Housing Authority and battles they've had in Omaha, I'm probably on Senator Chambers' side in those type of things. And, no, I'm not... Section 37 is not unreasonable, what I'm saying is it's unnecessary. And, yes, I want to address the problem Senator Chambers is talking about, but I don't need new language and new money to do it. And all the, you know, the remaining portion of the bill that is left in there is the federal requirements dealing with the Fair Housing Act and things like that. Section 37 doesn't address that. And a lot of the problems we have with minorities and the homeless are still, in relation to the federal Fair Housing Act, all of those things remain in the bill. Section 37 contains basically two things, the requirement for a plan and a commission to set up that plan. Those two things already happened. Now Senator Wesely mentioned that all they do is sit around and drink coffee, and I guess I dispute that. They've done some things. They've established an allocation plan for implementation of the federal low income housing tax credit. They've worked with the folks in Lexington to deal with their housing shortage plan. They've already planned for a statewide effort to prioritize housing needs within the state, and they're going to do that with a series of public hearings later this year. So the public that Senator Wesely is concerned about will be involved in this process. And there will be public hearings. As far as Senator Wesely mentioned there has never been any response from the northeast corner as to any promise that they're going to develop a plan, I'm going to say, for the record, that in my conversations with them they have said point blank, yes, we're going to develop a plan. Now, are they going to do every minute thing involved in Section 37? The answer to that is we don't know that. But I don't think it's... I think it's unnecessary to lay that out quite so strictly. Now the reason I've introduced the amendment, as I've said before, is that once again it seems like when we get into a variety of problems in this state the politicians in general want to start throwing new money at it. And the same problems I have when I chastised the university for not funding an engineering program, it's one of those things if it's a problem, you reallocate from within and address that problem. Every time there is a new problem you don't need to throw new money at it. And that's why I'm striking Section 37 from the bill, to begin with, so I can get to LB 1113A and strike Section 2 out of that, which saves the state \$100,000. You know, when you compare it to my \$230 million priority bill, it's peanuts, you're right. But the fact of the matter is that