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partnerships are the backbones of the program and flexibility is a necessity. Almost all programs report having to change redirectly or intensify portions of their programs as they go along. The programs are not without their critics. Michael Stegman, S-t-e-g-m-a-n...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...Chairman of the Department of City and Regional Planning of the University of North Carolina, suggests that money might be better spent on permanenc housing. There is no question we need some service-enriched housing, but there is a 'g debate going on as to whether it should be linked to permanent or transitional housing. I thought that was kind of fascinating there too, permanent or transitional housing. The idea between, behind transitional housing is that homelessness is not just a housing problem. While the shortage of inexpensive housing is a major factor, most families are individuals who are homeless. The notoriously and precise number is somewhere, listen to this, somewhere between 600,000 and one million nationwide on any one night, tend to have multiple problems ranging from mental and physical illness and drug or alcohol addiction to poor job skills and inadequate education. Few, if any...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...transitional housing... Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: We found something, Mr. President, that goes along very much with 1241. It's in the "Consensus" which is a magazine that comes from the Harvard Law School and it will really be helpful I think for those of us who want to work with 1241 because we have supported it in the past. The "Consensus" is helping public officials resolve stubborn policy disputes and I would have to say that we probably had a stubborn policy dispute. At any rate, these are things from other cities that Omaha could be doing when we're working with 1241, whether in north Omaha, south Omaha or mid-Omaha. In Los Angeles, the mediation institute is assisting the federal Minerals Management Service to review with other federal, state, and local agencies and user groups, the effects of drill muds and cuttings from oil and gas exploration on hard substrata communities such as