

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Maurstad, were you wanting to talk on the bill? Okay. Senator Vrtiska, on the amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: On the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 207. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 207. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Day, on the bill.

SENATOR DAY: Thank you, Madam President and colleagues. Senator Hartnett basically explained what this bill would do. And, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I'd be more than willing to work on a definition for, especially for moderate income. The situation that has arisen in Norfolk, which I think is not...is something that could happen in many of the other communities across...across the state was we had a severe housing shortage for low and moderate income housing. We had a developer who was willing to develop this housing. What happened in Norfolk was tax increment financing was used on this housing development. There was some real concern over this because, of course, that means that there may be families moving in there with children and the schools will have the influx but will not be getting the advantage of the property tax increase. So this would merely give another option to those local entities, it's something they could do if they had a housing shortage. Again remind you it's up to the voters to decide that this is to be done. I think it just gives a little more back to the communities and a few more options for them to handle some of their problems. And I would urge your support of this bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Day. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Senator Day, a