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afford to move away. So I'm supporting the Maurstad amendment. I think we could probably and should probably step back before we start putting in the statutes...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...another...another in a series of committees. I can't remember, Mrs. Crosby, you and I served on a task force some time ago looking at how many committees we had and how many task forces we had, but there were a few hundred of them. And these people I'm not sure, hopefully they get paid. And most of them, I think, they're from the bankers and all the associations and retailers, they probably can afford to come down to a meeting or two once in a while. So simply put, Don, I hate to say I have serious problems and concerns with something like this going into the statutes, and I reaffirm my support for the Maurstad amendment. I think it sort of levels it off. I'm not even sure, with the Maurstad amendment, I would vote for this at this point in time. Thanks.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, affordable housing, I think, as far as the state goes, is sorely lacking in any leadership or any way that they could prolong and help a lot of local communities who are already deeply involved and are trying, on their own, to address the issues of low income and very low income people and the housing. I will tell you there's several instances, on a local basis, where people of...cities and citizens have already got together, have done a lot of work, and need the type of support that I think would be coming from the state with LB 1322. I would give you an example, in Scotts Bluff County, of a CDC that was organized several years ago. With a community development commission, like they have there, they addressed what I consider actual needs of low income and very low income people, because they involve in that process people who need the services. And we have had several million dollars and about four different projects, in the last couple years, that have addressed housing. We have done a study that I would be glad to share with anybody that shows you definitely there is a need for low income housing and very low income housing and how it could best be addressed. They...I was privileged to attend one of the ribbon cuttings on one of the houses that was provided by virtue of the program that we have