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on the spot. But I would be interested in details of where codes are a problem in the state, and if we ought to be studying...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...this more. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to engage Senator Wesely in a couple of questions in regard to this bill, if he would so yield.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Wesely, I looked...have been looking at this bill quite closely because where I come from affordable housing is certainly in great shortage. And one of the areas that I noticed, as I was reading through this, says, projects providing housing in areas determined by Department of Economic to be of critical importance to the continuing economic development and economic well-being of the community, and where, as determined by the department, a shortage of affordable housing exists. You know, in fact, that includes an awful lot of small communities in Nebraska. In fact, one of the problems they've had with economic development is being able to provide some kind of housing for the people who may or may want to move into those communities. In our community a number of us went together, through the credit assistance or write-off system, and built two duplexes down there because there were just so many of the houses getting to the age where nobody wants to live anymore, and they deteriorate to the point where they're not very valuable, so we put these up and they're full right now. We could use a number more. I'm just talking about one little community. I can tell you I can cite you many, many communities in my area that have a definite shortage of affordable housing. The question then I want to bring to you, Senator Chambers...or Senator Chambers, Senator Wesely, relates to the fact of something on the order of what Senator Wehrbein was talking about, and that is, you indicate in here this is going to make