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places certain individuals representing points of view on it, but I think in accord with what Senator Lynch discussed yesterday, or whenever the last time was we talked about this bill, there should be somebody representing the point of view of those who will be affected by how this...this problem of inadequate affordable housing is addressed. If I'm a billionaire and I want to buy a house for \$300 million, that house is affordable to me but it is not available. So if I am the one speaking, I'm going to say you've got to find a way to build some of these kind of houses. On the other hand, those who are considered low income, and that standard changes because people who at one time thought they were middle class, if their salary hasn't increased, they find that they have slipped and could now be deemed among the ranks of the lower income. We need to have that point of view articulated by a person knowledgeable.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that means not a well-intentioned individual trying to place himself or herself in the shoes of somebody else and articulate what their concerns are. So when we get to the portion of the bill relative to the makeup of the committee, I am going to have some amending or offer some in addition to what Senator Withem is discussing. But I think the study, I meant the committee that we're talking about now, the task force, ought to be left in the bill and I'm opposed to Senator Maurstad's attempt to strike it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before the next speaker, Senator Hartnett recognizes our Doctor of the Day, Dr. Robert Wall from Bellevue. He is our family doctor today and he is sitting under the north balcony. Would you welcome Dr. Wall. On the Maurstad amendment, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, it is with interest and also somewhat amusement that I've followed some of the conversation of the past day, and having been in the construction business for some 40 years and really have seen that 1200 square foot standard house, if you might call it that, go from \$20,000 to over \$100,000, and to think of what...what is the reason for the cost and what does all this mean. Affordable housing is very important. It is very important to Nebraska. It is very important to the economic