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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...blocks in basement walls, when Styrofoam is installed between a drywall and concrete block. Other communities do not. Kitchen peninsulas are not allowed in LaVista, Bellevue, and are discouraged in Omaha. In Bellevue, if you put a room in a basement and finish it, you must also then increase the window size of that basement. These are all things that we, as a regulatory body, have brought upon the housing costs of this state. I think they all need to be looked at. The cost of this bill, at this point in time, is not all that expensive. I don't know where we're going to get the cost to fund affordable housing, but we need to take a look at our codes, we need to take a look at the impact that this body and all the bodies of this state have upon the housing within this state. I would urge you to defeat the Maurstad amendment and then let's take a look at this bill and see if it can reduce the cost of housing...

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...in this state.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, this doesn't necessarily address the Maurstad amendment, but I just would like to have a few, a few questions answered of Senator Wesely. Currently Nebraska has approximately 400 commissions. We have over 200 active commissions. This isn't to say that we don't need another one or some more or take some off. But we do need to look carefully at what the commissions, when you establish commissions or advisory boards or whatever you might say they are, carefully. We must make certain that these commissions or these advisory boards are going to function properly and we actually need them. And so I would actually...I'd just like to ask Senator Wesely a question or two here if he would...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wesely, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would.