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illustrates, I believe, the need for good housing in the state. And there ought to be a mechanism. I don't know what that mechanism is. It certainly isn't, in my mind, General Fund money. But I do think that it is a proper function of this body to determine where the pitfalls are, where the impediments are in our zoning codes and what have you across the state so that there at least can be recognized. Perhaps there isn't going to be the direct authority, at least there isn't at this time. Obviously there can be legislative authority to try to have these reconciled if that is what this committee would come up, or this task force. But I do think we have a serious enough problem that this bill deserves consideration and I would oppose Senator Maurstad's amendment because I do believe that that really is the central part of this, of this bill. I'd be willing to let some of the other go because certainly there's other years to react to what this committee might come up with. And so I do oppose Senator Maurstad's amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely waives off. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to thank some of the people that have spoken already this morning, particularly Senator Jensen who has more expertise in this area, and Senator Wehrbein's comments, I think, are helpful too. I would like to, once again, stand in opposition to the Maurstad amendment and just say that establishment of the commission isn't necessarily...or a task force isn't necessarily bad because we already have commissions and task force in the state. It is the way that we involve citizens in the...in the machinery of government. It is the way that we get input from our citizens. And I think this is an excellent idea for this task force. One of the things I think this task force can do is allow people to share ideas about how they are enforcing the building codes in their own communities. And they will be able to get ideas from each other that may allow them to do things more economically. I think we should make it clear that all the communities do follow a standard code already, but the way they enforce and interpret these codes differs from place to place and community to community. I would be willing, and I'll bet Senator Wesely would be willing too, to look at who's on this task force and make sure that we have a representative group and that we have, maybe, statewide distribution so that we are certain that we have rural interest,