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if you would endorse this concept, and as part of this whole, this whole housing issue, you would maybe seriously consider this. But on the county board at that time, we developed planning and zoning to conform to the cities. I introduced a resolution and it passed that any subdivision recommended in Douglas County, and Mr. Jensen should have an interest in this...regardless of where it was, if it were over 100 lots, would have to provide 10 percent of those lots for scattered site housing and affordable housing. Would you think that's a good idea? And do you think the committee would support something like that? Because if we don't do something like that, none of this means anything.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I think that is an idea definitely...

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, okay, that's good enough. If you think it's a...you think...could you support that concept? Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Personally? Personally...

SENATOR LYNCH: I want to suggest that to all of you because, you see, there were some at the time, we had subdivisions like the Regency and Thomas Woods and others who are obviously concerned about that. Homebuilders, I'm sure some of colleagues of Mr. Jensen were concerned about that as well. And I can understand that concern, with all due respect. You know, when you've got lots at that time that were \$35,000 or \$40,000, they might be \$100,000, I don't know, now. To put a house or two in there that wouldn't conform probably wasn't good for the subdivision and would probably make the poor people uncomfortable, or the people who couldn't afford any more than that, uncomfortable. But I'd like to share that with you because think about that, if you don't do that much, don't exercise this issue and make it look like you're trying to do something for people in being able to buy a house that's affordable if you're not going to affect planning and zoning changes where they exist, to do something like that. I think that Jim was right, we have to examine ourselves, and the enemy is us. What I think is important for us, before we get to Final Reading, if we ever get there, or on Select, is for the homebuilders to put together for us...now please listen to this, folks. I think the homebuilders should put together for us a list of those things that are in whatever building codes they might be, that they would suggest we eliminate, that would in