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I think it's that often they are concentrated and then they become not desirable housing instead of...instead of looking at affordable housing in all areas. I don't see what two new bureaucracies can add to that. If we want to look at the codes, that's great. I don't think we need to add all of this other additions. And if we do not have the funds to start an affordable housing trust funds to finance loans, grants, subsidies, credit enhancements, and other financial assistance for community affordable housing projects, I think, first of all, then maybe we better include in this that we assess what kind of subsidies and affordable housing promotions and grants and dollars that we are spending now. I...I think I'll support Senator Maurstad's amendment, but I don't know that this whole bill is...is worth supporting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate now cease on the pending Maurstad amendment? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Maurstad, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. There isn't any question that affordable housing and the issue of affordable housing needs to be addressed in the state of Nebraska. I believe it needs to continue to be addressed at the local level. In my view, Section 10 is anti-building code, anti-safety, and is not in the best interest of our public. The concern with affordable housing is a very diverse one and there are a number of factors, other than just building codes, that are a part of the problem. Land costs have been measured, cost of lumber and materials and concrete and labor, the lack of available labor for many of the contractors to be able to expand to build more houses. Since they can't expand, they have all the work that they need in most parts of our state, where do they build? They're not building low-income affordable housing because they can make more money in other areas, the same thing