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that this committee becomes a genuine look at whether or not some of these codes are in fact onerous and need to be analyzed or whether they're just cost-cutting efforts that will result in the eventual homeowner having a less quality product. Too often, I think, our answer for affordable housing has been, let's put people that can't afford anything better into housing that is not safe and will damage...potentially damage their health. So that's the reason I'm offering this amendment. Senator Wesely, I'd give you the rest of the time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I think Senator Withem, that the Speaker has provided us with a very constructive proposal to deal with the concerns that he has. I, of course, with my concern with cost/benefit analysis have to be consistent and feel that that's a good idea particularly here, and try to balance out the need to save money and the need to protect the public. Also the balancing of representation of the task force makes sense. I think this deals with some of the concerns that people have expressed. Senator Cudaback will be presenting an amendment as well that I've already agreed to that will have a dispersion of the membership on the task force from across the state of Nebraska. That's another missing link. These are constructive amendments. I would urge your support for them. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, your light is also next. Do you wish to continue? Senator Wesely waives off. Senator Maurstad, followed by Senator Schimek and Chambers.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to rise in support of the Withem amendment and echo my...my thoughts relative to what Senator Withem indicated. I think that he has hit the nail quite on the head and if this...if LB 1322 eventually becomes law, I just want to wish this task force a good measure of luck because they're going to need it.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I will be brief. I rise in support of the Withem amendment. I think it is a necessary and needed amendment and I