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there. It's a concern because we have to care about people, that housing is one of those fundamental needs that we need to help, as a society, provide for our people, but it is now emerging as an economic development issue. You cannot have economic development in a town without housing. You cannot have growth in this state without housing. You cannot attract people in to work in jobs in the state if they don't have housing. This has been a problem in towns across the state of Nebraska. We've not been able to provide for that. That's why you see the Chamber of Commerce supporting this effort, the bankers are supporting this effort, the Economic Development Commission has endorsed this bill, and others have as well, who are concerned about not only the need for housing in terms of providing for the welfare people of this state, but for the economic health of this state. We need to address the need for housing. That's why we're proposing this. The two elements of the bill are, first, to deal with a trust fund that's established, that will then be able to work with communities in addressing their needs and with their solutions to those needs for housing, and that process is set in motion by this. And let me add because somebody will ask, well, where does the money come from? Well, obviously, we need to address that and look at some state funding, but there is, in fact, a handout that I put around today from Congressman Bereuter and there is a fund called Fannie Mae that has a large amount of money, and when you set up trust funds, they will look at and potentially invest in those trust funds to help establish more housing. There are federal funds; there are private funds, that even without state initiative, this trust fund can allow for us to move forward and access and take advantage of that funding so that we can start to address housing issues, and I can get into that further as we get a chance. The second issue that you've already dealt with is the task force looking at the issue of codes and enforcement and inspection, and we've adopted now a balancing of that, that initiative. That's a question that's been out there. That will get some answers back to later this year. This is a very important initiative. I urge your support for it. I'd give the rest of the time to Senator Schimek.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Thank you, Senator Wesely. I have little to add to what