

Senator Wesely just said about the bill. I agree with him. The only thing I guess I would disagree on, Senator Wesely, is the fact that you said we can't have economic development unless we have adequate housing, but I would...I would submit to you that we have had economic development in some communities without adequate housing, and it's caused problems in those communities, and it's caused...it's caused problems for the businesses that come into those communities because they have trouble keeping employees who can't find housing and have to either go to another community, or sleep out of their cars, or whatever. It is a problem, so I think that we have to deal with that. I would like to follow up on something that Senator Wesely said about the Fannie Mae funds, and reiterate to you what I mentioned yesterday just before lunch, and I think we were all eager to go. But I'd like to discuss a little bit the fact that we have had these kinds of situations before, and the best example that I can give, that I have some familiarity with was that mammography screening fund that we set up about four years ago...three or four years ago, which set up a committee to try to find ways to raise money, and it was successful beyond our wildest dreams because by raising a few funds, and I mean few, and not state funds...we were talking about mainly donation kind of funds. In fact, some of those donations are even coming in now to do diagnostic evaluations of women who have had mammographies that are not...that are not quite right. By setting up that and raising a little bit of money privately or however, and then by using the hours that people put into projects as a state match, we were able to leverage almost \$8 million in funds from the Center for Disease Control to set up the "Every Woman Matters Program." Now I can't promise you certainly that that could ever happen again. I am just suggesting to you that there is more than one way to skin a cat, if you will, and sometimes all you have to do is have the will to do it, and you can find different programs out there that...that will work, that will help us raise money. I think that you could also find some of that private money within communities. So I would just close with that and ask you to consider that until we try something, we don't know if we can be successful or not. If we don't try something, we know we won't be successful. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. While we have a moment, before we get to the Clerk and the further amendments, I'd like to introduce as guests of the Legislature