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many communities in this state, have an affordable housing concern. Obviously, Senator Wesely was visiting with somebody else while I was speaking. But if he's not going to listen when I speak, I would appreciate it if he wouldn't make up what I said. Senator Wesely, would yield to a question?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Certainly.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: You passed out correspondence from Senator...or Congressman Bereuter relative to funds that were available from the federal government. Is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: In the third paragraph, he talks about proposals representing a creative approach. In the paragraph above that, he talks about the idea of making Nebraska an affordable housing partnership with Fannie Mae. Has this program in fact been put in place, or is this a proposal that might be put in place?

SENATOR WESELY: This is a proposal that can't be put in place, in some ways, because we don't have a trust fund as proposed by the bill.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Now, is it your understanding that we're the reason why it's not in place, or that Fannie Mae and the federal government hasn't approved for this program or this proposal to be in place?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't know the full status of all of the options, but I do know the elements that deal with the trust fund aren't in place because we don't have one.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. But, regardless of whether we have one, I don't believe that this program is in place. On the second page it says, I do hope you will give the concept of an affordable housing partnership with Nebraska serious and positive consideration. I guess I would be interested in knowing whether this is a proposal that is being provided by Congressman Bereuter to Fannie Mae, or whether in fact it is in place and is probable to be in place.