

federal projects that are building housing now, and it's dependent on how much money, what your...what your money that you make is. And I can tell you right now there are a lot of people that have affordable housing because they don't pay very much. We got three of... we have two of them in Blair now, and we're going to have another one. And you're going to say, well Blair is a growing community. Well, I'm sure that there...these federal housing...it's built by private investors, but it's covered by federal housing, by federal housing money. Then we tie in because people don't make enough money. Well, there's a lot of reasons people don't make enough money, a lot of them don't have the skills to do it. And we give them a free ride, we give them a free ride in a lot of the programs that are federal programs. Just the other day we had about, I don't know how many people out here condemning what the governors of the country were doing on welfare. They were condemning what the governors were doing on welfare. And I think it was Senator Beutler that said...what was it he said, oh, he said, talk about all the inefficiencies and graft, and I presume he was talking about federal programs. But I don't know. Hopefully we wouldn't have that in state government. I'm sure we wouldn't have as much on. But, talking about inefficiency and graft, the governors want to do something with welfare, and people co...rise up and put down Governor Nelson because he's trying to get something done, instead of trying to work with them. And, hopefully, we can do a better job and maximize our dollars. This was brought out. Minimum wage is a different thing. Senator Wesely is just priming us for that amendment because we know it's probably going to come up. But I'll probably have a few comments on that. I'll close by saying support the Maurstad amendment. We do not need the money from the government, from state government now. We can wait, we can wait for money from state government. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Landis, followed by Senators Lynch, Wesely, and Schimek.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to agree to the Maurstad amendment with a caveat. And I rise to agree with Senator Robinson's argument with a caveat. Senator Maurstad says no state funds, no General Funds, and Senator Robinson says no state funds now, prove up, come back, show us