

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And when will it be...when will...when will the task force be appointed?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, hopefully, right after the session would end, and then it would cease its existence at the end of the year. It would be a...

SENATOR VRTISKA: I don't think there's anybody here that I...would argue that we don't need more affordable housing. I think that's a moot point. I guess the question about it is how we go about it and what's necessary to do it. Over the weekend, and just as a sidelight, I was visiting some people and they said, the remark was, well, you have to have a task force now to find out if we need affordable housing. Why do we have to have that? Everybody knows it. But I understand that's a little off the subject. I understand that the direction you want to go has to be determined by somebody other than just shooting darts. So I just...I just wanted to get on the record because I was concerned about the wide variance between five and thirty...thirty thousand dollars. Appreciate your answer. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to support the Maurstad amendment. We've just been receiving...I just saw for the first time some letters from some municipal jurisdictions indicating their concern about the bill and how this could affect their codes. Maybe you remember last Friday, or whenever it was, I asked whether someone could provide, hopefully, the homebuilders, a list of all of those things that could be left out of or changed in the construction of a house that could make it affordable. We haven't gotten that yet, and, hopefully, none of you would support anything like this until somebody provides you with some information like that. Now a lot goes into the cost of a house, the cost of the land, and the cost of construction. Generally, people who can afford to build a bigger, fancier house, in fact, are worried about fire, life and safety codes, but, to be completely frank, so should a person who can only afford a \$40,000 house or a \$30,000 house be afforded those same kinds of conditions and circumstances. I don't think we should allow ourselves to be cranked into a