

SENATOR LYNCH: ...maybe somebody is going to have to...they got the...the old story when I was growing up kind of thing, you know, there were eight kids, Grandma and Grandpa Lynch and us. We had two bedrooms. We slept in the basement and the attic. We got along pretty good. It's all we could afford, but it worked pretty good. There wasn't a code around in those days but we made it somehow or another. I think at this point in time to develop anything that would cost this kind of money without knowing what it really...how it will apply is important, and I think the Maurstad amendment, therefore, applies. And even with the Maurstad amendment, to be completely frank, I'm not going to support the legislation.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I think we need to clarify here, this bill, as written, does not require any expenditure of funds. It does not say that we have to come back and appropriate money next year. It simply leaves us the option of doing that, and I think that with Senator Maurstad's amendment we wouldn't even be able to appropriate the \$5,000 in administrative costs if we needed to next year for any reason. I mean it just wipes out any possibility of doing funding of any kind, of any size. So I would hasten to...I would caution that we do not need to do this at this time. We can come back next year and talk about funding, if there are any proposals on the table. There may not be any proposals on the table next year. Secondly, and to address Senator Lynch's concern, and I understand where he's coming from, and I would just say to you again, Senator Lynch, that I, too, do not want to go backward in the area of codes and enforcement of codes which build good housing that will last. On the other hand, I don't think that it does any harm to take a look at these codes and see if there are any areas in which we could save money. I think the main thing that will come from the task force will be the ability of one city to compare notes with another city and to look at the way they are doing things. There may be no significant proposals also that come from this task force. I really...I really think that we should wait and see what comes forth, because no matter what comes forth, we're going to be able to act on it next year. It always comes back to the Legislature and, furthermore, it will always go back to the local subdivisions as to how they want to enforce any codes