

to other resources" and makes it a strict 150 percent of federal guideline standard on income and allows them then to account for other resources if they, if they so choose. Either way is fine with me. I think that we need to put a limitation on. I think both our limitations and improvements over the green copy, which has no definition of low income, but if the body likes Senator Vrtiska's idea, that's fine with me too and I present it to you for your choice.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek to speak to the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 1322.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I want to take just a personal note here before I begin, and say hello to Connie Day who's back in Norfolk, Nebraska this morning after having survived her stint at Immanuel Hospital, and would like to wish her well and hope that she doesn't get too frustrated watching us as we progress through the day. I have to say I admire Senator Wesely's passion on this. I think that he cares about people as well as the economic development aspects of this bill, and I don't want anybody to think he doesn't care about either or both. But I guess I would like to respond in part to the idea that we've got a lot of programs out there, that the federal government has established a lot of programs. And I'd just like say, I think that's what the beauty of this bill is, that we...that we focus on the local communities in this bill. We also give some state support and focus to this problem. And I really think that the closer we can take it to the community level the better that we are, the closer that we can bring it to the state level the better that we are. And I think the important point of this bill is that it focuses on the problem. And we...it is a problem, I don't think that anybody on the floor would dispute that it's a problem, and I think that we need to do something about it. Senator Janssen reminded me a little while ago about all the affordable housing that was done right after World War II, and how many families were able to take advantage of that and how many families it gave the first opportunity for home ownership. And I...I don't think there's anything wrong with government making the rules that will allow as many people as possible to get into their own homes, because I do think that that provides, helps provide some more family stability for our society as well as a base for property taxes, which we, which we all know that we need that