

base, we need to expand that base. I guess I'm a little frustrated here this morning because I think that we've spent an awful time on this bill. I think this is an important consideration that Senator Beutler has brought up, but it's...it's a difficult matter, I think, to write on the floor as to how we're going to amend this bill so that we know what income applies. And I would like to have the chance to work on it between now and Select File. I would rather not write it right here on the floor. We got a lot of different debate going a lot of different ways, and I would just like to see this bill move along. So I don't know whether I'm going to support the...I guess I might support the amendment to the amendment. But I don't know if I'm going to support the Beutler amendment. I might. I just...I'd like to move this bill along. And thank you all for your attention over the last few days.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question just to be sure that I know where we are. Senator Beutler, is your amendment to your amendment striking that language that refers to other sources?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, it strikes the language with regard to other sources, resources.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I support Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. I just rise to support the Beutler amendment and also the amendment to the amendment because it...it is more limiting, which I think is...I think is important as we...as we begin this process. The other comment that I wanted to make was, communities have tried to address this concern relative to affordable housing, and they've been trying for a number of years. And I think most people agree that the biggest impediment to their being successful is the lack of resources. If they had more resources available to them they'd be able to better address this situation. Well I ask, where does the state get its resources? From the exact