

same source that local communities get their resources, the citizens of this state. So it seems to me to be illogical to think that we would have resources available to us when local communities have found that that's the biggest impediment that they have in their being successful on their own in this particular area. So the only other possibility could be that there are communities around Nebraska that want somebody else to take care of their local concerns. And by that, allowing the state to be involved provides them with those resources that they're not able to generate for themselves. I think that's the wrong direction to go. But I do appreciate Senator Beutler's trying to identify and truly, truly assist those that are most in need in this particular area of affordable housing. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Is there any further discussion of the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment? Seeing none, Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just to remind the body, Madam Lieutenant Governor, that the amendment to the amendment simply refines further the definition of low income and would allow for the consideration of other resources. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 1322. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment that was offered by Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Beutler amendment is adopted. We return to a discussion of the original Beutler amendment. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, just to respond to a couple of...a couple of comments. It was suggested to you at one point that part of the reason that we're in so much trouble with respect to affordable housing is because of everything that government has done, whether that be rules and regulations relating to construction or whatever. And I would certainly agree that at least in part, the raising of standards of various sorts has caused an increase