

important to do is to prepare a plan that coordinated what's going on in housing altogether. You know, we have local housing authorities, we have the homeless housing trust fund, we have the NIFA fund, and we may have other programs that I'm not aware of, but it seemed to me to make sense to ask them, as part of the plan, to address the coordination of everything we're doing in the housing area. I don't know that there is any one body or group that, that has...that has responsibility for that. And if we're going to get further into it and have another agency involved and another aspect of the whole problem, it seems to me it's about time that we get some overall picture of who's doing what and how they're all going to relate. This, I would think, would be especially true under a bill like this where those who may be doing housing projects are a broad based group of people, including political subdivisions, housing authorities, community action agencies, community-based, neighborhood-based, reservation-based, nonprofit organizations. There are going to be all kinds of entities out there involved in housing. And I'm hoping that we can get some central source or some central group that can look at and plan for housing as a whole. And that's the purpose of this particular amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator, are you finished with your remarks, or...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I'm sorry.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Oh, okay, I'm sorry, I thought you were just p'using there. For discussion on the Beutler amendment then. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Any further discussion? Senator Beutler, to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wesely, members of the Legislature, again, it simply requires the committee that's being set up to incorporate as part of its work a plan to coordinate housing efforts around the state and among the different agencies involved.