

would you like to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think that unless there are questions the opening would serve as closing.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is adopted. Mr. Clerk, anything further?

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend. (See AM3455 on page 1010 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, again, in order to try to tie this down and get some feedback here on what we're doing. We are putting this program for housing into the Department of Economic Development. I don't know what kind of experience Economic Development has in monitoring housing projects. I expect none at all. In any event, it seemed to me that it would make sense to require them to monitor the programs to see that only qualified individuals and families are occupying the projects funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. And so I wanted to add a measure of direction to the Department of Economic Development and ask them to monitor the program, to see that the kind of graft that has developed at the federal level does not develop at the local level, and that we have a program that's well monitored and doing what it's designed to do. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler, just a question. As you mentioned, there is no definition of affordable, is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.