

CLERK: (LB) 1082, Madam President, introduced by Senator Maurstad. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 8, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. Senator, you want to take up your amendment initially, or go to the bill?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I'll do the amendment.

CLERK: Okay. Senator Maurstad would move to amend his bill with an amendment found on page 1029.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Maurstad to open on his amendment.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. The amendment that is before you, AM3352, that's found in the Journal, is merely, first of all, in the first case adding the word "Indian" instead "of" to specifically indicate that we're talking about Indian housing authorities. The second clarification puts in a definition, according to federal statute, of what an Indian housing authority is by definition. And that definition is, Indian housing authority means any entity that is authorized to engage in or assist in the development or operation of low-income housing for Indians, and that is established either by the exercise of power of self-government of an Indian tribe independent of state law, or by operation of state law providing specifically for housing authorities for Indians, including regional housing authorities. So the second part is it defines what an Indian housing authority is. The last thing that the amendment does is eliminates the words "if the tribe is" in line 27, on page 2, which is, here again, another technical change. And I would ask for the adoption of the amendment and then I'll get into the specifics of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I appreciated...trying to follow Senator Maurstad's amendment. I was trying to figure out exactly what it does. But one of the questions I had, if he'd yield. I think that your amendment deals with one of the concerns I had with the bill because it cites a specific federal statute in determining what Indian tribes qualify under this bill or which housing authorities qualify. Is that correct, Senator Maurstad?