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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator Wesely, that's correct. And I want to correct a statement, I said federal statute, it's actually HUD code that provides that definition. And this was in response, as you've indicated, to some concern, in fact the only concern relative to the bill, that this not, in any way, expand any opportunity for this authority to do anything but provide low-income, affordable housing.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: It was at Senator Beutler's request.

SENATOR WESELY: Then I stand in support of the amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Madam Chairman and fellow legislators. I just wanted to ask Senator Maurstad one question and part of it already has been answered.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KLEIN: Madison County is one of the counties, I think, besides Lancaster County, that's actually had a problem with this. They have talked about building 10 to 12 houses in Norfolk, perhaps 17 altogether in Madison County. Do we have any commitment that this is all; that they won't be using this mechanism for anymore?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Yeah, the only intent and the only thing that they would be allowed to do, under HUD regulation, is to provide scattered-site housing in those areas where the Ponca Tribe is located, because they don't have a reservation.

SENATOR KLEIN: So this is a one-time program?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: At this...as far as I'm concerned, at this point it is because they have...it specifically is tied to a