

statute and you cite a specific statute, you don't end up granting authority to some federal entity to determine some time in the future, in a broad way, who can or cannot act under certain state law. So the question I've got, if Senator Maurstad would yield, would be, the number of counties affected by this, and how many of those counties currently have agreed to this exemption and how many have not?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, while I look for that, I believe that there are four counties involved. I believe Douglas and Knox County have granted the exemptions; I believe that Lancaster and Madison County have not. So it's my understanding that there are only four counties involved.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. And then the \$4 million figure you cited, do we know how many homes that might possibly create? Are we aware of the...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I am sure that I have it somewhere in the file, Senator Wesely, and I'll try to provide that to you.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: At least 39 that are currently living in substandard housing, for sure. So it's in excess of 39, but the exact number I'll have to look for you.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. And then will this grant of authority, in this housing authority, will they be able to serve only members of the tribe, the Ponca Tribe, or are...do they have a broader grant of authority? Will they serve others in need of low-income housing?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I'm sorry, Senator. Senator Schimek provided me the information on the total number, and that was...that's 148. But while she was providing me that number, I didn't get a chance to listen to hear your question. Could you repeat it for me?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Five minutes remaining.

SENATOR WESELY: The question was on the housing authority, will