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elderly individuals in less populated areas and making sure that public housing authorities can continue to provide low-income housing to those individuals.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Schimek followed by Senators Wehrbein, Beutler and Jensen on part three of the divided amendment to LB 105. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I wanted to rise and tell you about an experience that I had while serving on the Lincoln Senior Center Foundation Advisory Board. And while I was on that board, the board undertook a project to provide senior housing downtown Lincoln, and I don't know how many of you remember the old Clayton House, but that was the building that became available and that the Foundation Board decided would be a good place for senior housing, low-income housing. And through the hard work of some people on the board, they were able to get both the city and private developers to come in and do that project. And to simplify that whole project a lot, which was a very complicated and difficult project, I'll just tell you that once the project was completed, there was some question about whether the city was going to be able to keep up the payments on the project and the Lincoln Housing Authority came in and made a loan so that the principal on that project would be decreased and so that the city could go...continue with the project. In addition to that, the Housing Authority did provide some services to some of the people who were living in the project and, because of that, some of them were able to stay in their...in their homes, in their apartments without having to go into a nursing home. So, essentially, you could say that the Lincoln Housing Authority saved the state some money by keeping people in their homes and not having them go into nursing homes. That is one tiny example, maybe, of what a housing authority can do and I just wanted to share it with you at this time and say I think that one of the things that's troubling people about the bill is that it does give housing authorities some flexibility. But I would submit to you that they need some flexibility, they need to be