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SENATOR BROWN: Did you hear my...did you hear my example of a car breaking down?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I did hear...I heard with interest your example of the car breaking down. Is that the intent of...

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...this kind of language?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and if they had a medical problem of one sort or another, that would be...that would be covered by this, too, would it not?

SENATOR BROWN: Possibly, but each...it's going to be limited by the housing authorities' own rules and their...I mean, the amount of money they have.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well,...

SENATOR BROWN: This is...it's not...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, I mean every agency is limited by the amount of money they have and by their own rules and regulations but, as you know, what we need to be concerned about is what authority we give them. And as far as I can see, the language "or economically self-sufficient" is not limited except by the dimension of not being able to borrow from private financial institutions, not qualified to borrow from them. But isn't that a rather broad authority that to say that to people who don't qualify for private loans housing authorities have an open directive from the Legislature to provide them any kind of loan that would help make them economically self-sufficient? I mean it's not the purpose of the thing that bothers me. It's the fact that it's a housing authority expanding out into these areas which, to me, should come from DHS, from Health and Human Services, under our...under our prerogatives. If they...if they suffer some kind of tragedy or some kind of setback, why isn't it sufficient to allow DHH to address that problem? I guess that's part of the question I would get to, and I would be