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we've got to do something to help them out. So hopefully we can get something that will be a cooperative deal. I realize people are concerned, you know, with on the realtor's side and the home and the taxation part of it; but maybe we can work them details out before we get all done. But at least this section here is dealing with the authority that they have to do it by checking with their local authorities on the city and county and put a five-year plan in front of them so that they can be able to qualify by the federal Qualification Housing and Work Responsibility Act that was passed in 1998. But anyway, this is an important part and I think we should go ahead and see if we can't move this part forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senators Brown and Jones. We are discussing the Brown amendment, part two, to the committee amendments. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I simply rise to oppose this amendment. I think some of the city...we are with this new authority that we're going to give the housing authority, we're allowing mixed use, mixed income, mixed financing. We are giving a lot of authority to housing authorities that they didn't have before. And I guess the committee felt that this was one way that local bodies, local governing bodies, city council, county commissioners, would have a say. In this amendment, Senator Brown would only be with new projects; but it, to me, it's too broad. Doesn't...they don't have to approve plans involving commercial activities. It's simply an opportunity for public comments related to public housing because we are allowing housing to get into more activities than previously. And so I think there should be some...we put in the bill three years. Later on I hear that the housing authority have to submit to federal government a five-year plan. Maybe that would be so that the two coincide, but I think there should be some local oversight on that and that's simply the reason for the committee amendment as it was and for my opposition to this particular section.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. I'd like to announce that the Natural Resources Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2022. Senator Beutler, on the Brown part two amendment.