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SENATOR CUDABACK: Any objections to the substitute? Seeing none, . . .

CLERK: AM1687?

SENATOR SMITH: Correct.

CLERK: Okay. (AM1687, Legislative Journal pages 1952-1953.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Each of you should have received two handouts from me, the first being an index of median income around the state, some by community or city and the larger cities, and the rest by county. You might want to just glance at that. It's quite informative. The numbers to the left on the page lists median income, it would...and that pertains to a family of four. And then you can look at the low-income, which is considered 80 percent of median income, and down from there. The other handout is just a brief summary of what this amendment does. And what we're trying to...excuse me. What we're trying to do is define, more in terms of income, who's eligible to live in the facilities subsidized and unsubsidized. And my concern is that we're trying to reach a segment of the population that does not need subsidized income, and we're taking them out of the competition in the private sector and putting them into the public sector. So what I propose to do is define the eligible recipients for subsidy as 80 percent of median income, that would be \$30,000, for example, in Omaha, they would be eligible for subsidized housing. And the group considered not eligible but still able to live in the facility, in terms of mixed income, that would be 100 percent of median income in counties with a population of more than 30,000, and 125 percent of median income in counties less than 30,000 in population. And what we're trying to do is address the needs, the varying needs around the state. Many smaller communities truly have a shortage of housing, and they need options in the community, and there aren't as many options as there might be in the larger cities, and that's what we're trying to do by drawing a distinction between the smaller counties and the larger counties. In terms of some other situations that I think this bill brings up, I have a concern