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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. We'll take a minute to look at this request for division. It is divisible. Part one will be on line 7 and 8, that would be part one. The rest of it would be part two. Senator Smith, would you choose to take up what part first?

SENATOR SMITH: We'll take up part one, which is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Part one first.

SENATOR SMITH: ...Section 2 of my amendment, not to the bill, but of my amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Correct. FA203. Senator Smith, to open on FA203. (FA203, Legislative Journal page 1953.)

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As I explained earlier, this would allow folks making 80 percent or less of median income, that would be approximately \$40,300 in Omaha, \$32,400 in Norfolk, for example, or almost \$32,000 in Sioux County, trying to get a sampling of various areas around the state. And so I would suggest to you to support this. I think it's good policy, and this way we can define who is more needy of the facilities so that we don't fill up the facility with someone when there are needier folks in the community. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Smith, just one short question. This is the...we're now on the 80 percent rule, instead of...instead of median income itself, the qualifying rule would be reduced to 80 percent of median income, right?

SENATOR SMITH: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. What...what is the current law?

SENATOR SMITH: I'm not sure what current statute...what those guidelines are. My problem was with the amendment...or with the bill and consequently the committee amendment having median income there, establishing a new law, if that's the case.