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people would have paid, more than those white people would have gotten had ordinary circumstances, relative to a market operating, been allowed to come into play. So we have a situation where there will be the block busting, but the realtors decide how far black people are going to be allowed to encroach into white preserves. There is not an open market in housing anywhere in Nebraska. There is no open housing law worthy of the name. So when you have a set of circumstances where, with your income, you might be able to rent a decent house, if they would rent it to you as a black person the same way they would rent it to an equally situated white person then you might not need to go to some agency like a public housing agency where you may not be overjoyed to live. But in order to get something halfway decent, you need a temporary place to park yourself and your family. So, whereas if "Mr. A" is white, "Mr. B" is black and you have identical structures, side by side, in one of these cookie cutter areas, and they decide they're going to rent to both of you...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "Mr. A", who is white, pays less than "Mr. B", who is black. These things can be documented, they have been documented over and over and over, so there are additional issues involved in this whole question of housing that have not been discussed yet, so I'm going to have to touch on some of them. But I'm going along with Senator Smith on this amendment. Then, when another version comes back, I'm going to see if we, from a level position, will not see the wisdom of raising that above 100 percent of the median.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Smith, you're recognized on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 105.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Some might ask the question why we're even having this debate and...and I'll be forthright in saying that the amendment that I plan to propose will level that playing field at 100 percent, as Senator Chambers alluded to. I would suggest that we can't have an unlimited approach to who can reside in a subsidized facility. Someone might say, well, not everyone will be subsidized. I