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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...there I go into the rhetoric of some of the right, the very most conservative people in our society, and if they said that about this bill, they're right. They're right. And this is just one example. You take all of these different purposes outlined...all these different powers outlined in 45 sections and start apply it against just that one part of the purposes that I've read to you and you have a vehicle for doing a broad, broad cross section of economic...of social engineering, of assisting the poor in ways that involve not just housing, but for that group of people, almost anything that could be interpreted as related.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And not even related under this purpose section.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Tyson, on the Tyson amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. To add to what Senator Beutler has said, let me read you on page 53 of the E & R amendments, which we adopted, number 38 begins on line 10, one of the powers is to engage in and carry on commercial activities of every kind and description, including, without limitation, those involving retail sales of goods or services, manufacturing, provision of child or elder care and other services within the local housing agency's developments, either by themselves or in agreements with others. Any such commercial activity must be intended, wholly or partly, to employ, be patronized by, provide job training for, or otherwise benefit residents of the agency's development, other persons receiving assistance from the agency, or other persons of eligible income, and such activity shall be related and subordinate to the principal use of the property for housing of people of eligible income. Now to abbreviate that, what it says is we're all going to get rich by taking in each other's laundry. Think about that. The amendment to the amendment is just a first step because I think a bill of this complexity with the powers that Senator Beutler has alluded to very eloquently needs to be examined on a word for word basis. And we don't