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SENATOR BEUTLER: Why...why aren't they going into mixed use and other kinds of uses? And so, Senator Brown, two questions, do we have to do this? If we have to do it, I'll follow you again and just sing along to, I owe it all to Pamela Brown, I guess.

SENATOR BROWN: (Laugh.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Brown?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Mr. President. I'll answer the second question, I mean the question about why aren't...why...whether...why they're not doing the money for mixed use. And they are, that's what this bill is about. They are shifting the money from the development by housing authorities only, of edifices where we warehouse poor people, to a public-private partnership, to projects that are public-private partnership that are mixed income, mixed use kinds of facilities.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then...then the statement that was made earlier by certain sources in the lobby, that the federal funds are declining, is not so?

SENATOR BROWN: They are declining, but it's more...the more critical piece of it is that they're shifting from housing authorities developing to housing authorities partnering.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: And the second part of your question, in terms of is this required, it is only required in the sense of what I just said, because there has been a shift in funds, the traditional way of doing things is no longer working. And so we must position housing authorities so that they can most effectively and efficiently partner; and that's what so interesting to me about this...about some of the opposition to this, because this legislation really is about changing the nature of public housing, from being something that you just drive by and say, that's where they live, to something about how our communities are.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Sen....